

Carter and Brezhnev seal treaty with a kiss U.S., Soviets sign SALT-II; no progress on M.E., Africa



Presidents Carter and Brezhnev exchange copies of the SALT II treaty which they had just signed yesterday in Vienna's Hofburg Palace.

VIENNA (Reuters). — U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev yesterday ended their first summit meeting by signing a new treaty limiting their strategic missile arsenals — and promptly sealed the agreement with a kiss.

A joint communique issued at the end of the four-day summit indirectly confirmed reports from U.S. officials that Carter and Brezhnev had failed to narrow disagreements on the Middle East, Africa, Southeast Asia and other world trouble spots.

The two presidents said that during their talks they "indicated their views" on their differing approaches. But no mention of progress was made.

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The presidents disclosed that their governments would hold talks soon with the aim of reopening negotiations on proposals to limit sales of conventional arms to Third World countries, and to reduce armaments in the Indian Ocean.

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The ban will cover radiological weapons which do not involve a nuclear explosion and apparently does not forbid development of the neutron bomb — a nuclear weapon which kills people without damaging property.

Carter and Brezhnev agreed that responsibility and restraint must be exercised to end current world tensions and to ensure that new problems do not arise.

U.S. officials said this was a major theme pressed by Carter who complained to Brezhnev during the summit about Soviet and Cuban military activities in Africa and Moscow's actions in the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

Both Carter and Brezhnev flew home after SALT II was signed. The 73-year-old Soviet president looked fatigued at his departure for Moscow, walking with short, jerky steps which contrasted with his firm and upright gait when he arrived in Vienna last Friday.

His appearance differed sharply from that of Carter, 18 years younger, who appeared relaxed and easily with officials and diplomats as he left for Washington.

Both Carter and Brezhnev have described SALT II — which still faces a major hurdle in the U.S. Senate — as a major step towards curbing the arms race and moving towards all-round disarmament.

SALT II — which will be followed by negotiations on a much broader SALT III — represents the first agreement between the two super-powers on actually reducing rather than freezing weaponry — by providing for a reduction of the 2,400 nuclear delivery vehicles permitted each of the two powers to 2,250 by the end of 1981.

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Euromart says West Bank settlements are 'illegal'

PARIS (AP). — Foreign ministers of the European Common Market yesterday criticized Israel's policy of establishing settlements on the West Bank of the Jordan River.

The declaration specifically noted Israel's claim to the territories occupied since the 1967 war which the ministers said was incompatible with UN Security Council Resolution 242, and "the Israeli government's policy of establishing settlements in the occupied territories, illegal according to international law."

Lebanese forces opposed to Palestinian activity in the region and direct Israeli intervention in South Lebanon against Palestinian terrorist bases.

Farmers — dearer beef or no food

By ALAN ELSNER Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Farmers will today stop supplying the market with milk, dairy products, meat, poultry, potatoes and other products, the Agricultural Centre said yesterday.

The ability to make responsible decisions. They claim they had reached an agreement on the subsidy with officials of the three ministries last Friday, "but when the ministers themselves discussed it on Sunday, this agreement was exploded."

Finance Committee, has already cost the treasury some IL200m. this year, and it is estimated that it will cost IL2b. by the end of the year.

In good-will gesture to Carter: Soviets may release Shcharansky, others

By JOHN P. WALLACH Hearst Newspapers Foreign Affairs Editor Special to The Jerusalem Post VIENNA. — In a surprise move, the Soviet Union has decided "in principle" to release Anatoly Shcharansky and at least five other prominent political prisoners as a goodwill gesture to U.S. President Jimmy Carter in the aftermath of the Vienna summit, a senior aide to powerful politburo Executive Secretary Constantine Chernenko, has disclosed.

ing group; Nicolai Kovalev, a close friend and associate of physicist Andrei Sakharov; and the last three jailed members of the 1970 Leningrad air hijacking trial — Uri Fedorov, 35, sentenced to a 15-year labour camp term that ends in 1985; Yosef Mendelovich, 31, sentenced to 12 years in labour camp ending in June 1982; and Alexei Murzhenko, 38, sentenced to a 14-year labour camp term that ends in June 1984.

Bulldozers clear olive trees for road to new settlement

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT Jerusalem Post Reporter Guarded by armed soldiers, a bulldozer yesterday roared into an olive grove near Azun on the Kalkilya-Nablus road and began clearing ground for a road to a new Jewish settlement.

Ministerial Settlement Committee, Ariel Sharon, told The Post that he expects to develop the entire area into a town.

Begin: all should take Viet refugees

By JUDY SIEGEL Jerusalem Post Reporter Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday called on heads of state and government of each of the 151 member countries in the UN to accept Vietnamese refugees.

UNIFIL vehicles searched as northern border reopened

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT Jerusalem Post Reporter Israeli mechanics unscrewed parts on UNIFIL vehicles and peered inside, searching for hidden arms and explosives, as the Lebanese border was reopened yesterday.

UNIFIL will be delivered by Israeli trucks to the border and transferred to UN vehicles there, unless other arrangements are made assuring that UNIFIL vehicles are not used for smuggling.

MKs still angry following last week's slanging match

By ASHER WALLFISH Post Knesset Reporter Tempers were still seething in the Knesset yesterday, after last Wednesday's Eilon Moreh debate and the ugly confrontation in the plenum between Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon and his opposition.

Millo of the Herut wing said that if coalition spokesmen were not allowed to have their say uninterrupted, "the body will be allowed to have his say."

Israel bombs bases in South Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Staff TEL AVIV. — Israeli Air Force planes attacked terrorist bases in Southern Lebanon at approximately 6 p.m. yesterday. All aircraft returned safely, the army spokesman announced.

Israel will play Soviet in finals of cage tourney

Israel will play the Soviet Union in the finals of the European Basketball Championships at 9:15 tomorrow night following the Russians' defeat of Italy, 90-84 last night in a semi-final match.

The sea was clean, and the bay is protected by a rock breakwater. A wide, paved area overlooks the beach itself. There are no trees to be seen, but the sandy area is so large there was enough room for everyone. On the other hand, there was not much shade. Perhaps people in Michmoret haven't yet heard the repeated warnings about skin cancer.

Senator Jackson warns that pact means more missiles

SEATTLE. — U.S. Senator Henry Jackson on Sunday rejected Russian warnings that changes in the proposed SALT II treaty would limit U.S. Soviet arms control and could have dangerous consequences for East-West relations and for the world.

much larger Soviet SS-18 and SS-19 missiles. Jackson said that the treaty would "void the most massive (SALT II) buildup in history."

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HOME NEWS

Dayan won't resign from autonomy team But 'personally' thinks it's too big

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said yesterday that he did not intend to drop out of the ministerial negotiating team on the autonomy.

The team, following the departure of Defence Minister Ezer Weizman on Sunday, now numbers five ministers. Dayan told a luncheon of the Foreign Press Association that in his "personal opinion" there should be a smaller delegation actually doing the negotiating with the three Egyptian ministers (Khaliqi, Ali and Ghali) and the American delegates. "But this would have to be a cabinet decision," Dayan noted.

Weizman left the team, according to his spokesman, because he felt it was too big and unwieldy.

Both Weizman and Dayan have expressed reservations over the "interim guidelines" and the 16-point list of principles formulated by the cabinet three weeks ago to guide the negotiations.

Chief negotiator Yosef Burg complained yesterday to the prime minister that Weizman's resignation and Dayan's equivocal attitude were undermining the Israeli team.

Meanwhile, the negotiations will resume tomorrow at Herzliya, on the level of "experts," in an attempt to make progress on the agenda for the talks. Three Egyptian officials, Foreign Minister Mousa Amr and Ibrahim Wahdi and an army colonel, are due here this morning for the two days of talks. The U.S. contingent will be led by State Department Israel Desk chief David Korn.

Israel's representatives will be Dr. Meir Rosenne, the Foreign Ministry's legal aide, and his successor-designate, Prof. Ruth Lapidot.

Rosenne and Lapidot met with Interior Minister Yosef Burg, Israel's negotiating chief yesterday for a briefing before the "experts" session.

Israel sent its formal reply yesterday to the American "clarification" regarding the U.S. role in the autonomy talks. The Israeli reply contained a number of reservations on wording used in the American document.

But, overall, top Israeli sources stressed, the U.S. document, drafted by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, had "fully endorsed" the Israeli viewpoint: that the U.S. was to be a "full partner" in the talks — but not a "party," either in the talks, or to the eventual agreement, or in its implementation.

At a negotiating session in Alexandria last week, the Egyptian side contended that the U.S. should take a more active role in the autonomy talks, and in the implementation of the eventual agreement, than it had done during the treaty talks between Israel and Egypt. Israeli negotiators immediately balked at this Egyptian position and asked for a "clarification" from the U.S.

The Americans apparently see their "clarification" as even-handed and not necessarily "endorsing" Israel's or Egypt's viewpoint exclusively.



The wide swath through this corn field was cut for the road to Eilon Moreh, the new settlement near Nablus. A controversy erupted recently over whether any of the land expropriated to erect the settlement was cultivated. Requisition orders strictly excluded cultivated areas, according to Uri Bar-On, aide to Minister of Agriculture Sharon and coordinator of settlement in Judea and Samaria. (Zoom 77)

Sharon: pause in work at Pithat Shalom

By HARRY WALL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

YAMIT. — Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday promised settlers in the area that he would order a two-week moratorium on construction activity in Pithat Shalom, the area earmarked for relocation of several of the Rafiah settlements.

His promise to stop work came in response to threats that the settlers would destroy earth-moving equipment in Pithat Shalom because they object to the government deciding their fate before they have had a say in their relocation.

Sharon arrived at 7 a.m. yesterday at Moshav Dikla for a hastily called meeting to reassure settlers that they will not be forced to move to any site they do not want.

According to the peace treaty, the Rafiah settlements must be evacuated within three years when the remainder of the Sinai is returned to Egypt.

Tension has mounted for weeks among the Rafiah settlers over work at Pithat Shalom, south of Kibbutz Kerem Shalom. Many refuse to be relocated to the Negev, preferring the coastal region.

Sharon said Pithat Shalom was not intended exclusively for the Rafiah settlers, although they would be given priority there if they desired. No verification that a stop order has been issued could be obtained from the local representative of the Jewish Agency Settlement Department, charged with building the new settlements.

According to Yitzhak Regev, chairman of the Rafiah settlers' council, Sharon promised that construction would stop tomorrow in Pithat Shalom.

Halaby allowed to continue TV coverage on West Bank

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TV reporter Rafiq Halaby, whose report on the capture of land of the Eilon Moreh settlement was termed "misleading" on Sunday by Broadcasting Authority director-general Yosef Lapid, will be allowed to continue reporting on events in Judea and Samaria.

At yesterday's four-hour board of directors meeting, Lapid rejected a proposal by La'am board member Aharon Papp that coverage of Judea and Samaria be discontinued temporarily until an investigation on such coverage takes place.

The board expressed its regret over Halaby's report 10 days ago which "misled" viewers into thinking that all of the land taken for settlement by the government was cultivated by Arabs. According to Lapid, not more than 5 per cent of it was cultivated, with corn and olives.

The board, however, did not concur with charges by Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon against all TV employees.

Lapid's conclusions that Halaby had "misled the public but not lied" in his report, were approved by the board.

Halaby was accompanied yesterday by a guard from TV House following threats phoned in early Sunday morning against his life.

He stated that TV news director Haim Yavin, who is Halaby's superior, is not fit for his post and should be limited to reading the news, "for which he has shown his talents." TV director Arnon Zuckerman defended Yavin, citing his abilities and experience.

He also opposed a threat by the Jerusalem Journalists Association to ask the National Federation of Israeli Journalists to boycott Sharon until he apologizes for his charges against TV employees.

Burg: J'lem not autonomy talks topic

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Reporter

Interior Minister Yosef Burg said yesterday that if Egypt demands that the question of Jerusalem be discussed in the autonomy negotiations, he will flatly refuse.

Briefing the NRP Knesset faction, Burg said they should not be under any illusions that the talks would be plain sailing. "The first phase has hardly started," he said.

The minister, who heads the Israeli delegation to the talks, said that Israel could not allow the U.S. to be a partner to any agreement, because a situation could conceivably arise in which Israel and Egypt would agree, but the U.S. would differ. "We see the Americans as participants in the talks, but not as partners to the agreement," he said.

Burg said that the American concept of its own status in the talks was generally what Israel had anticipated "with the exception of two or three points which required clarification with (U.S.) Secretary (of State) Cyrus Vance."

The minister left his colleagues with the impression that he was disgruntled at the way Defence Minister Ezer Weizman was boycotting the autonomy delegation. However he said nothing explicit, apart from noting that Weizman had walked out of the talks once before, and then come back. However, Burg said that Weizman promised him that the Defence Ministry would extend all possible aid in the talks.

Flomin curtails party cash but Treasury approves funds

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Reporter

Deputy Finance Minister Yehozkel Flomin yesterday put a spoke in the wheels of the latest election financing plan.

He told the coalition executive that the government planned to cut all party financing allocations this year by 30 per cent. Thus, he said, there was not much point in the three main parties going forward with their private members' bill to raise more cash on account of the second round of the municipal elections, which was held last winter.

But in another development yesterday, the Treasury took a step in the opposite direction. It requested the Knesset Finance Committee to approve an advance of 11.4 million to the political parties on account of the annual sums due them under the Political Parties Financing Law.

In accordance with the three-month interim budget, the parties have already received 20 per cent of the 11.8m. they were allocated for the year, and which is due to be cut by 30 per cent. The list of cuts submitted by the Treasury to the Finance Committee last week.

No publicity has been given to this request of the Treasury, which will undoubtedly be approved by the Finance Committee, where the Likud and the Alignment may be divided on everything else but not party financing.

The three parties — the Likud, the Alignment and the National Religious Party, have tabled a private bill which would raise some 11.8m. to help cover party deficits. The bill would be the second successive retroactive financing measure linked to the local elections.

Two weeks ago, when Flomin first learned of the bill's existence when questioned about it by *The Jerusalem Post*, he was taken totally by surprise.

Also at the coalition executive, Yehuda Ben-Meir (NRP) said that his party objected to the bill because it felt the taxpayers' patience had been exhausted.

(The NRP signatory to the bill, Ben-Zion Rubin, said that his party had no debts from the local election campaign. He said he had been asked to sponsor the measure out of solidarity with the Likud and the Alignment, which have big debts. Traditionally, the three big parties always combine forces when it comes to legislating funds for themselves or for their MKs.)

Flomin's Liberal Party colleague, Peaseh Grupper, who has been pushing the private bill, was angry at the new development signalled by the budget cut proposal. The move was interpreted by some observers as a warning to the parties to think more carefully about election financing.

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New measures to improve conditions in Kiryat Shmona

Post Knesset Reporter

The Ministerial Committee on Development Towns yesterday approved a series of measures designed to make living in Kiryat Shmona more attractive. The new measures take effect today.

This was announced in the Knesset yesterday by Industry Minister Gideon Peaseh, who is also chairman of the committee, in reply to three motions for the agenda on an anticipated "exodus" of Kiryat Shmona residents. The motions were presented by Meir Pa'il (Sheli), Daniel Rosolio (Alignment) and Amnon Linn (Likud-La'am).

Kiryat Shmona residents last Wednesday blocked all roads leading to the town in protest against what they termed government neglect.

Encouraged purchasers of flats in Kiryat Shmona will have to pay down only 15 per cent of the price, the balance being covered by loans and grants. Shelters and all other security components of construction will be paid for by the government.

Residents of Kiryat Shmona now enjoy a 7 per cent income tax reduction on monthly income up to IL3,000. Henceforth, the maximum will be IL3,600. In addition, the committee is recommending to the Treasury that Kiryat Shmona residents be entirely exempt from income tax on all income up to the average wage in the economy.

New enterprises established in the town will receive an additional loan of 10 per cent of total investment. At present they receive a 30 per cent grant and a 40 per cent loan. The new total of loan and grant will be 85 per cent. Existing enterprises in Kiryat Shmona will be eligible for loans on good terms.

Pa't also announced that Prime Minister Menahem Begin will visit Kiryat Shmona next week. He said that while every family that abandons the town is cause for regret, it was not true that there was danger of "a mass exodus."

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Zionist leaders must come on ally and serve, as an example.

Broadly hinting at Americo Jewish assistance to Soviet Jews who want to settle in the U.S., World Zionist Executive chairman Arye Dulzain said: "We may have to struggle with certain factors about this problem."

Dulzain said that, despite disagreements among world Jewish organizations, the Zionist movement stands as a "mass behind the State of Israel and its government."

Yitzhak Peretz, chairman of the council, welcomed former Prisoners of Zion Boris Penson and Hillel Butman, and expressed the hope that all those they left behind would soon be freed.

The ZGC will meet for three more days, one of which will be spent in the Gellie development town of Me'ilot.

Last night, at a press conference for foreign media representatives, Begin said that even if only ten countries responded to his call on the Vietnamese refugees, "Israel will be among their number."

Brisk business in visas for Egypt

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MKs ANGRY

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that since Sharon deliberately provoked the whole slanging match last week, they should walk out of the chamber in future each time Sharon spoke.

Rabbi Menahem Eichenberg charged that Premier Menahem Begin was the first to introduce obscenities in the chamber when, in the debate last winter on army service for women, he uttered a one-syllable Russian vulgarism in the direction of the Alignment benches.

In the NRP faction, Dr. Zerach Warbatzky said that the Knesset seemed to the public like a band of cannibals. "Everyone is convinced that he alone has the absolute truth, and that the rest are all traitors."

Sarah Stern-Katan said the first thing to do was to get the media out of the Knesset.

The House Committee met last night to discuss a measure to stem the deteriorating parliamentary climate but reached no decisions.

In the House Committee, Yehuda Ben-Meir (NRP) said the Speaker should be given the power to expel any rambunctious MK without a vote on expulsion.

Hillel Seidel (Likud) said that 5 per cent of the House made up the "professional irritants" who need to be muzzled.

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Business is booming at the visas-for-Egypt office opened by the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem. The office is opposite the ministry compound, and can also be reached from Jaffa Road (just after the Eilkar Nordau intersection).

Ministry officials said several hundred applications had already been received and transmitted to Cairo. Among the questions that applicants are required to answer is one inquiring: "Have you visited Egypt before? If so — when?"

Replies from Egypt are expected within 10 days of application.

Israeli officials say they expect a similar facility to have been opened in Cairo — as agreed by the two sides in recent contacts.

Nationals of each country can also make their applications at the other's consulates abroad.

JERUSALEM POST POLL

Most Israelis in favour of legalized abortions

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Nearly half the population is in favour of making abortion available on demand, and an overwhelming majority favours some sort of legalized abortion.

This emerges from the latest public opinion poll conducted for *The Jerusalem Post* by the Modi'in Ezerachi applied research centre. A representative sample of 1,288 adult Israelis were asked to state their views on the abortion issue, in light of the impending parliamentary debate on Agudat Israel's demand to outlaw the present legal framework permitting abortion for social or economic reasons.

The responses were as follows: 45.4 per cent favoured abortion with no legal restrictions; 23.1 per cent are satisfied with the present law, permitting abortion in cases approved by a special committee (including abortion for social or economic reasons); 21.9 per cent are against any legalized abortion; and 4.8 per cent are undecided.

Centre directors Mina Zemaeb and Amiram Yarkoni noted that there is little difference between the sexes on the abortion issue. There are differences, however, in respect to age and level of education. The younger (20-30) age group is more in favour of abortion than their seniors. The more educated a person is, the more he or she tends to agree to legalized abortion.

The strongest sentiment against legalizing abortion comes from the oriental communities. More than 62 per cent of those from an oriental

LIVING STANDARDS

More than half the population hold that their living standards have declined in the year and a half since Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich introduced his new economic policies. Just over one-third admit to no change in their condition.

The sample of 1,288 adults were asked: "Has your living standard advanced since the new economic policy?"

Answers: risen — 5.4 per cent; declined — 54.1; unchanged — 38.9; undecided — 1.6.

According to an analysis of the results, women and men feel the same on this subject. The sense of deprivation is felt more keenly by younger people, with the older age groups complaining less.

The higher up the economic scale, the weaker the protest. Married persons complained less than the single. DMC voters tend to have less to moan about than others.

Beisky recommended for Supreme Court

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The appointment of Moshe Beisky, a judge of the Tel Aviv District Court, to the Israel Supreme Court, was recommended yesterday by President Yitzhak Navon by the judge appointments committee headed by Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir.

Beisky will replace Justice Moshe Estzoni, who retired from the bench last year. The appointment will bring the bench to its full complement of 12 justices.

Beisky was born in Poland in 1921

Knesset urges West Germany to repeal statute on Nazis

Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday unanimously called on the West German government and the Bundestag to repeal the statute of limitations for Nazi war criminals.

The Bundestag is scheduled to hold its final reading and vote on the issue tomorrow and Thursday.

Under the West German 30-year limitation on prosecution for murder, Nazi criminals not already under indictment or investigation by December 31, 1979, would go unpunished.

Gideon Hausner (Independent Liberals), who opened the debate, said that it would be immoral for the Bundestag to lump the Nazis' crime of genocide together with ordinary murder.

With respect to the latter, opinions might differ, Hausner said, but to apply limitation to the crimes of the Nazis was an insult to the memory of their victims.

Dov Shlansky (Likud-rut), a former concentration camp inmate, vividly described some of the infamous Nazi crimes — extracting gold teeth from the mouths of Jews before sending them to the gas chambers, using Jewish corpses for the manufacture of soap, and Dr. Josef Mengele's selection of his human guinea pigs, waving some to the right and some to left.

That if the German government and Bundestag could with some slight justification argue that the acquittal of Nazi criminals was strictly a judicial matter in which they could not intervene, that argument did not hold water when it came to limitation.

Aviva Not (Democratic Movement) said that if the Bundestag fails to repeal the statute of limitation, Israel should recall its ambassador from Bonn and Israelis should stop visiting Germany.

Syria, Iraq claim progress in plan for unification

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

BAGHDAD. — The presidents of Iraq and Syria announced yesterday that they had made significant progress at a meeting aimed at unifying their two countries.

Iraqi President Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr emerged from a fourth round of closed-door talks at the Baghdad Palace to say that he and Syrian President Hafez Assad had reached "happy results that will serve the aims of Iraq and Syria and the Arab nation," the Iraqi News Agency reported.

Bakr was quoted as saying that "many of the obstacles that faced us were overcome and we have marched many steps forward."

The two presidents are discussing measures to unify their two neighbouring countries, with the reunification of the two rival wings of the Arab socialist Ba'ath Party ruling in Iraq and Syria on top of the agenda.

Jordanian newspapers reported yesterday that the presidents had dismissed the idea of a federal or confederal union, and appeared to be concentrating on a full merger. A usually well-informed Lebanese daily, "An-Nahar," said that Iraq favoured a confederation as an interim step towards total unity.

A Syrian-Iraqi merger would create a joint armed force of almost half a million men, but diplomats in the region have been sceptical about the two countries achieving total union after more than a decade of mutual hostility.

MKs who criticized Sharon receive threatening calls

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Reporter

Three of the Labour MKs who spoke most vocally against Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon in last Wednesday's debate on Eilon Moreh had their lives threatened daily since then by anonymous telephone callers.

The three, Adiel Amoral, Micha Harish and Yosef Sarid, said they were sure the callers were Gush Emunim supporters. The threats were reported in the Alignment executive yesterday.

Amoral and the two others told their colleagues that since last Wednesday night their phones had been continually ringing, sometimes several times an hour, until 2 and 3 a.m. The callers threatened them and their families with death and cursed them with a wide range of obscenities, they reported. They said the voices were the same each time.

Sarid said he was particularly dis-

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1-day Egged bus strike called for J'lem today

By ALAN ELSNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Thousands of Jerusalem residents may be stranded today if Egged bus drivers heed a strike call made yesterday by the "National Members Committee," an opposition group within the Egged cooperative.

The "National Members Committee," an unofficial group set up to oppose the policies of the present Egged management and to "fight for better conditions for the members," called for a one-day strike of all buses in the capital. Drivers were handed leaflets yesterday morning calling on them to support the strike, but it is not clear how many of them will do so.

Yosef Karako, a member of the official Egged Secretariat, yesterday branded the strike "illegal." He told *The Jerusalem Post* that anyone who obeyed the opposition's call to strike would be brought before an internal Egged disciplinary committee and punished.

"We are fighting hard for the improvement of our members' working conditions and their wages," he told *The Post*. "I admit that there is still much to be done, but that does not

justify this strike which has been called by troublemakers."

The Egged Secretariat yesterday announced that all members would henceforth receive an extra IL50 for every working day and increased overtime rates. For every extra hour of overtime above 28 hours per month, members will be paid an extra IL50, while for every hour 80 hours per month, the rate will increase by IL45.

A spokesman for the "National Members Committee" told *The Post* yesterday that the strike had been called "because the Secretariat has sold out on its commitments and promises to improve working conditions, wages and retirement payments. We have been forced to step up the struggle because of the Secretariat's total inaction," the spokesman said.

Reacting to the Secretariat's threat to take disciplinary action against members who strike today, the spokesman said that if one member was punished, "we will call a national strike immediately. The Secretariat's anti-democratic and anti-cooperative threats constitute a bomb threat and we will not stand for it," the spokesman told *The Post*.

Kishle synagogue in Old City dedicated

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A new synagogue for policemen, border policemen and soldiers was dedicated yesterday in the Old City's Kishle police compound.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg, Labour MK Yitzhak Rabin, Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, Mayor Teddy Kollek, and a host of rabbis and police officers attended the ceremony, as did Israel and Naomí Comot of Cleveland, Ohio, who donated the money for the chapel's construction.

In the shadow of David's Tower, Arab policemen and labourers put final touches to the stage props, setting straight the red carpets and the flags flying overhead as the guests took their seats.

The ceremony began with the blowing of a brace of shofarot and a

slow march across the courtyard by four border police trainees carrying a *hupa* under which strode three more policemen with brightly covered *Tora* scrolls.

Burg, Goren and Jerusalem Chief Rabbi Shlomo Masbach rose and took the holy books in their arms. The scrolls were then handed to a rotating group of IDF rabbis and senior police officers.

Rabin also held the scroll for a short while. He explained his presence at the dedication: "My father was held here, at the Kishle, by the British in 1920 when he came to the aid of the Jews of the Jewish Quarter who were under attack by a Muslim crowd."

Goren said that it was fitting that the Kishle — long a symbol of oppression of the Jews — should be the site of a synagogue.

Elgrabli may switch to opposition

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Reporter

The coalition may soon lose one of its supporters, if Mordechai Elgrabli (DM) brings his current negotiations with the Alignment to a successful conclusion and joins the opposition.

Elgrabli has been holding informal talks with Labour heads for the past fortnight, in view of his growing disillusionment with the government's social and economic policies.

The Oded movement, representing the interests of various groups of intellectuals of North African origin,

has been pressing Elgrabli for some time to quit the Democratic Movement and go over to Labour.

Elgrabli was severely criticized in the coalition executive yesterday for failing to back the government in last week's noisy Eilon Moreh debate.

Elgrabli's Oded colleague in the DM, Yehuda Toledano, who is chairman of the party secretariat, is the only important Oded figure who may try to dissuade Elgrabli from bolting his party.

Arab, Hebrew press censorship not equal

It is not unusual for the military censor to bar Arabic newspapers in East Jerusalem, from publishing items that have appeared in the Hebrew press, Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Zupori confirmed in the Knesset yesterday.

He was replying to a parliamentary question by Meir Pa'li (Sheli), who then asked Zupori to explain the logic behind the double standard.

Zupori replied: "It doesn't seem logical to me, and I must look into it again. What is published in Hebrew ought to be publishable in all languages."

David Stern sworn in as Knesset member

David Stern (Likud-Herut) was sworn in as a Knesset member yesterday in place of Shmuel Rechtman, who resigned last week as a result of his conviction on bribery charges.

Stern, 68, was born in Poland, and settled in Eretz Yisrael in 1935. He is a brother of Avraham ("Ya'ar") Stern, who was shot dead by the British, allegedly while attempting to escape from British soldiers.

Stern heads a building contracting firm in Tel Aviv. He has served on the Tel Aviv Municipal Council, was president of the Contractors Centre, and was one of the founders of the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organisations.

YOUNG ART. — An exhibition of works of art in various forms by young Jerusalemites has opened at the municipal centre for the plastic arts in the Morasha quarter. Among the exhibits are works by East Jerusalem youth.

Two sophisticated ophthalmic operating theatres, equipped with the most modern instruments, have been opened at the Hebrew University Hadassah medical centre at Ein Karem. The instruments include two new operating microscopes which magnify by 40 the area being worked.



This unhappy young girl is one of the many children who get separated from their parents each day in the bustling crowds which flock to Hebrew Book Week in Jerusalem. The girl is waiting in the arms of the woman who found her while police call for her mother over the loudspeakers. (Steve Nelson)

No report cards—teachers say gov't broke promises

By BENNY MORRIS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The country's 30,000 elementary school teachers will not distribute report cards (except to first-grade children) at the end of this term. They are also refusing to hold staff meetings after working hours.

These moves are apparently the first round in the teachers' protest against the government's failure to implement fully the agreement signed at the end of the teachers' strike in 1978.

In a related development, the country's junior high schools will close down on Wednesday, June 20, and not along with the high schools on June 29.

Teachers say that since April 1978 they have not been paid car and special travel allowance, and other increments due to those teaching at least eight classes and those training student teachers.

An Education Ministry spokesman yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post* that the complaint was justified, and delays were due to understaffing. She claimed that the Civil Services Commission was withholding consent on filling 39 empty slots in the ministry's finance department.

Even if staffing is available, the spokesman thought it was unlikely that payments could be made before the school year ends on June 29.

The head of the junior high school division of the Histadrut Teachers Union, Amnon Abramson, yesterday said that the junior high school teachers would stop work on June 20 and "should not be penalised for others' strikes." He was referring to the extension of the high school term to June 29 to make up for lost time due to last year's strike.

Pointing out that Shalom Levin, head of the Histadrut Teachers Union, had recently reaffirmed that junior high school teachers would work until June 29, the ministry's spokesman said no action will be taken against the junior high teachers for quitting work earlier because "they can't be held responsible for the days lost during the high school teachers' strike."

(Junior high schools are attached to the high schools, but the staffs belong, for the most part, to different unions. Most junior high teachers did not back the high school teachers' strike, though they were laid off work because the premises were closed.)

War widows accuse officials of ignoring their plight

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Defence Ministry has been accused of severe discrimination between the widows of men who died on reserve duty with the Israel Defence Forces and the widows of men who died during regular army service.

The latter group, it was charged by 50 war widows at a press conference here, receive two pensions — one from the ministry and one from the army's pay department (*mapash*). In addition, they receive a lump insurance sum, free dental service, reductions at Shekem and other privileges.

The widows of reserve soldiers, it was claimed, only receive their deceased husband's pension from the ministry. They do not receive tax exemptions on any electrical home appliance or items necessary for their children's development, which the other group gets.

The widows are demanding the establishment of an organization to look after their needs because, they say, government bodies such as Yad Labanum, which represents all of the bereaved families in Israel, and the ministry have turned a deaf ear to their financial, social and cultural needs.

The widows — claiming they represented some 2,100 widows of Israel's wars — said that they will demonstrate outside the Knesset with their children if the Defence Ministry does not discuss their plight with them.

The widows complained that although they may buy a car tax free, they must return a large percentage of the tax whenever they sell the car, which leaves them insufficient capital to replace the old car.

The widows said that Yad Labanum did not allow them to hold a meeting at its facilities. Arye Fink, manager of the rehabilitation section, refused to see their representatives and they were rudely turned away from his office several times, they said.

Sarah Cohen of the Jerusalem widows committee has resigned from Yad Labanum.

Budget clips welfare—Katz

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

Social Affairs Minister Yisrael Katz yesterday challenged Prof. Assaf Razin, head of the Treasury's Economic Planning Authority, to take a close look at the effect of budget cuts on social welfare projects.

Katz, speaking in the Knesset Finance Committee, took strong exception to Razin's recent criticism of ministers for seeking larger budgets merely to strengthen their own personal status.

Katz said that because of budget cuts his ministry had had to abandon plans to increase enrolment of adults, young people and technicians in professional training schemes from 86,000 at present to a planned 77,000.

Danny Rosolio (Alignment-Labour) charged that the Social Affairs Ministry has no clear policy. He wanted to know why the Ministries of Social Affairs and Health had not been merged, as was promised when the Likud came to

power. He also wanted to know why there was no coordination between "Project Renewal" and the ministry's own efforts to rehabilitate slum neighbourhoods.

Rosolio also said he was strongly opposed to unifying the collection of National Insurance and income tax payments.

A large percentage of the ministry's budgets is devoted to ensuring the income level and standard of living of the middle classes, Rosolio said.

Funds spent on the better-off elements in society should, therefore, be cut back and more spent on the poorer sections.

Yigal Cohen-Orgad (Likud-Herut) said he was disappointed at the slow progress in improving efficiency in the Social Affairs Ministry and with its failure to establish priorities.

The National Insurance Institute should take over income tax collection from salaried persons, he said, and the income tax authorities should establish a special unit to collect taxes from companies and the self-employed.

Last holdout still protests inequality of women's draft

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The last of the group of women who refused to report to their IDF reserve units in protest of what they call the draft law's discrimination against secular women is still standing her ground — almost a month after she was scheduled to begin reserve service.

Yitzora Benesh, a 23-year-old student at the Tel Aviv University, says she is determined to wait for the army to come and get her, despite a threatening letter to her parents from her reserve unit commander and suggestions by friends that she turn herself in.

In February of this year, three young women — independently and without knowing each other but one another — declared that they would no longer serve in the IDF reserves.

Dina Glad, Asia Hason and Anat Fox claimed that most of Israel's religious women obtained an exemption from military service, while the secular women were left with more than their share of the burden of duty. They demanded an amendment to the draft law to compel every woman, religious or secular, to serve in some form of national service.

When the military police arrested Glad, supporters formed an organization for equal national service and held a large demonstration outside the Defence Ministry's offices in Tel Aviv. Glad was released a few days later and reported to her reserve unit. She has since been exempted from further reserve service.

Two days after Glad's release, Fox was arrested and Hason decided to turn herself in.

Fox and Hason were court-martialled, sentenced to 14 days' suspended sentence and instructed to report for reserve duty the following day. They complied.

On February 24 Tsipit Benesh began a hunger strike outside the Knesset building, a few days before she was due to report to her reserve unit. She was joined a day later by Rinat Levy.

On February 26 Rahel Diamond held a symbolic funeral to protest reporting for reserve duty that same day.

Both Benesh and Levy received another summons to reserve duty for May. Levy was notified soon afterwards that her reserve summons had been cancelled. Benesh sent a letter to Defence Minister Elzer Weizman notifying him of her decision to ignore the military summons to report on May 20. She claimed that the state attorney's office had admitted, during an April 15 debate in the High Court of Justice, that the law discriminated against secular women.

Benesh received no reply from Weizman. However, her parents received a letter from Benesh's reserve unit commander, warning them that their daughter's offence could cost her up to 15 years in prison for desertion.

Last week, a military spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Defence Ministry and not the army was handling Benesh's case. But Defence Ministry spokesman Danny Weinreich told *The Post* he knew nothing of the affair.

Benesh is still waiting.

Jerusalem court safe cracked by expert

Judges in Jerusalem's Russian Compound were treated to a first-hand demonstration of safe-cracking, after experts were called in to "open a safe in the compound's courtyards which had defied all attempts to unlock it."

Uli Deutsch, an employee of a locksmith shop in Mea She'arim and known in the capital as "the lock

breaker," arrived within minutes of the court's call for help. Before an amazed audience of judges and courthouse employees, he had the safe open within 30 seconds. One of those present at the demonstration was heard to remark, "Now we understand how easy it is to break into a safe or cash drawer." (Itim)

'Achzivland' boss branches out to old Acre

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Hermit Eil Avivi, the self-elected "president of Achzivland," has "fallen in love" with old Acre.

The gray-bearded and long-haired Avivi, who established an "autonomous" village at Achziv, north of Nabariya, 28 years ago, told a press conference yesterday that the Sulam Tour Regional Council, under whose jurisdiction his village falls, and the National Parks Authority, have finally clipped his wings.

"I can no longer hold any festivals at Achziv, under threat of three months in jail," he declared. "I am not allowed to operate my dormitory or camping ground, or even sell cold drinks to visitors. Only my museum is still open, more or less legally," he sighed. The council went to court and got a ban on any business activity in the village following the festival he held on Independence Day, he said.

Furthermore, Avivi said he has now been completely fenced in, denied access to the sea or the high road, and most of his free and easy Achzivland that used to attract youthful visitors has been taken over for the national park established there.

While he has not abandoned his village and continues to live there to

keep the flag flying, he has now branched out to old Acre.

With a Jerusalem partner, he has rented two shops in Fishermen's Square, near Khan el-Umman, and opened a cafe-gallery and an antique furniture store. They say they have invested IL1m. in the venture so far.

Aviv now promises to invest any energy left over from fighting the Sulam Tour council into developing the medieval city and turning it into a tourist haven.

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Small claims court opens in Haifa
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The first small claims court in the North was opened here yesterday, for claims of up to IL4,000.

All claims are to be dealt with within a week, either through arbitration, if both sides agree, or by the judge's ruling. The first claim, for IL300, was filed yesterday. Court fees will be IL50.

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Malaysia seeks to ally fears about refugees

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuter). — Malaysia yesterday sent a message to UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim intended to ally world fears that it plans an immediate mass expulsion of Vietnamese refugees and would shoot at any new arrivals, informed sources said.

The message, the text of which was not immediately available, followed last Friday's controversial statement by Deputy Premier Mahathir Mohammed that Malaysia would expel the 73,000 refugees now in its camps and issue "shoot on sight" orders to deter new arrivals.

Informed sources said the message to Waldheim was intended to ally fears in the international community that Malaysia might carry out these drastic measures immediately.

At the same time, the sources said, the message stressed the extremely critical situation posed by having so

many refugees already in the camps with thousands more expected.

The message was sent by Prime Minister Datuk Hussein Onn after a day of meetings with senior cabinet ministers.

Meanwhile, a government spokesman confirmed yesterday that 887 Vietnamese "boat people" who landed during the weekend on the Malaysian east coast had been put back to sea over the past two days. This action was in line with standard government policy regarding refugees who land in seaborne boats. The spokesman said they had been given fresh food, fuel and other provisions before being escorted away.

Officials said the text of the Malaysian message to Waldheim would be released later and probably would be the only public statement the prime minister would make on the subject.



One of the 41 beached sperm whales raises its tail before it died at Florence, Oregon. Scientists began tests yesterday to determine why the whales beached themselves on Saturday night and Sunday morning. All 41 whales died. (UPI telephoto)

Thailand ignores UN appeal on refugees

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP). — Thailand will go ahead with its plan to expel an estimated 40,000 Cambodians seeking asylum in the border provinces of Trad and Chantaburi despite an appeal from UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, Thailand's commander-in-chief of the armed forces, General Sern Na Korn, said yesterday.

Sern, also deputy prime minister for security affairs, was commenting on a report that Waldheim had sent an urgent message to Thai Prime Minister Kriangsak Chomanan, asking that Cambodian refugees be allowed to stay temporarily in Thailand on "humanitarian grounds."

Sern said Thailand welcomed dis-

cession on the UN on refugee problems. But he said that the plan for a second phase of a forced repatriation, expected to begin yesterday, would go ahead as scheduled.

The Thai government, which has allowed some 300,000 Indochinese refugees into the country, sent about 45,000 Cambodians from the border town of Aranyaprathet back into their war-torn homeland June 10-19. Commenting on Malaysia's forced repatriation of Vietnamese boat people, Sern said Thailand had stepped up security in Thai waters to prevent the refugees from heading toward the Thai coast. He said that Thailand currently has no policy of shooting at the refugees.

Soviet spokesman, following Vienna summit: Shcharansky's release unlikely

VIENNA (UPI). — Soviet spokesman Leonid Zamyatin said yesterday that convicted Soviet dissident Anatoly Shcharansky would not be released in connection with the Vienna summit.

"He was tried and convicted by a Soviet court for espionage for a foreign state. That was a grave crime," Zamyatin said. Zamyatin made the comment in a broadcast interview with U.S. television correspondent Barbara Walters.

Shcharansky was convicted in July 1978 on charges that he was a spy for the U.S. and was sentenced to 13 years' imprisonment. U.S. President Jimmy Carter engaged his own prestige in the Shcharansky case by flatly denying that the Soviet dissident was an American spy.

Zamyatin professed not to understand U.S. desires for the release of Russian dissidents who have been imprisoned.

"In our country we simply do not have the concept of dissidents," he said.

When the U.S. correspondent asked about the recent exchange of five Soviet dissidents for two convicted Soviet spies, Zamyatin gave this response:

"The release of the people to whom you refer occurred as the result of an agreement between the two nations and most of these people were common criminals who were convicted for crimes according to the penal code."

When Zamyatin was asked if more "common criminals" might be released from the Soviet Union, he snapped back:

"I can't say because I don't know what you are talking about. If you don't have enough common criminals in your country do you want to add some more by taking from us?"

Zamyatin also cast grave doubts on whether the Soviet Union would give the U.S. any assurances on continuing a fairly generous level of Jewish emigration. Such assurances are required by the 1974 Trade Act if the U.S. is to extend normal trade and credit terms to the Soviet Union.

Zamyatin said that "emigration from the Soviet Union is regulated by the Soviet constitution, as emigration from the United States is regulated by your immigration laws."

In a private meeting in Vienna with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, Carter discussed human rights but apparently left for home without any clear assurances the Soviets would pursue a more liberal emigration policy. White House spokesman Jody Powell told a press conference that the question of Soviet emigration policies had not come up in the other summit meetings.

Inky-fingered Ghanaians go to polls

ACCRA, Ghana (UPI). — Ghanaians stamped ballots with inky fingers yesterday to vote for a civilian president and parliament that the West African republic's military rulers have promised will be permitted to take power about October 1.

It was the first time Ghana had voted in civilian elections since 1969, when the military banded control over to a civilian regime, only to end it with a military coup in January 1972.

The elections were thrown into considerable confusion two weeks ago, when junior officers led by Air Force Flight Lt. Jerry Rawlings toppled the regime of colonels and generals headed by Gen. Fred Akuffo. Akuffo is now before the military tribunal that ordered the executions

on Saturday of the man Akuffo ousted last July, Ignatius Aboahpong, and the former head of the border guard, Maj. Gen. E.K. Utuka.

Under pressure from political party leaders, Rawlings agreed to hold the elections on the scheduled date.

Rawlings urged the 5.1 million electorate, comprised of men and women over 21, to turn out to vote. The paper ballots are printed with the symbol of each of the seven political parties contesting the election.

The voter takes a ballot into an enclosed booth, puts his forefinger to an ink pad and stamps the ballot next to the symbol of his party choice. He then places his marked ballot in an envelope and deposits it in an election box.

SALT-II at a glance

VIENNA (AP). — The SALT-II agreement signed yesterday by U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev at their summit took seven years to negotiate.

The treaty follows SALT-I which was signed by Brezhnev and then-President Richard Nixon in Moscow in May 1972 and restricts the deployment of anti-ballistic missile systems.

Basically, SALT-II, if ratified by the U.S. Senate, would limit the number of strategic missiles and bombers the two superpowers may aim at each other. It runs through 1985, with a protocol, an attached document, that expires at the end of 1981.

bombers equipped with cruise missiles.

ARMS REDUCTION

The Soviets would, by the end of 1981, have to destroy some 270 g gung missiles, according to American estimates. They would also be barred from deploying the SS-16, a mobile missile they have tested with mixed success. After 1981, they would have to destroy some 35 B-52 bombers that are currently in mothballs in 1984 or 1985, depending on when its new Trident submarines are deployed.

NEW WEAPONS

The two sides would each be allowed to equip bombers with new cruise missiles and develop one new land-based missile. After 1981, it could be a mobile missile.

Each would be allowed to develop as many new types of submarine-based missiles as it wished. In addition, each side would be able to substantially increase the number of warheads it deploys: From 8,500 to more than 12,000 for the U.S., and from 4,000 to more than 6,000 for the Soviets. The Soviet backfire bomber would not count against the strategic limits.

Author of Nazi book quits Europarlament

BONN (Reuter). — West German Christian Democrat Hans Edgar Jahn, under fire for a book he wrote during the Nazi period, yesterday resigned his European Parliament seat — only eight days after being elected.

Jahn, a 63-year-old author and publisher, was his party's top candidate in the Christian Democratic stronghold of Lower Saxony.

The book, "Storm in the Steppes," written more than 35 years ago, referred to Jews as "an utterly wretched race." It brought criticism from all parties during the European campaign, and his own colleagues demanded an explanation of the comments. Jahn retains his seat in the Bundestag.

Soviets must okay U.S. U-2 flights in Turkey airspace

NEW YORK (UPI). — Washington must seek Moscow's permission to use Turkish airspace to monitor Soviet compliance with the new SALT II accord, Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit said in an exclusive interview in "Newsweek" magazine.

"It's not up to us to inquire," "Newsweek" said Washington had asked Turkey for permission to fly U-2 reconnaissance planes over Turkish territory to monitor Soviet missile tests, but Ankara said Turkish consent was contingent on the Soviet government giving its approval. Moscow has since told Turkey it favors a negative reply to the request, the magazine said.

Ecevit said in the interview that Turkey's decision was motivated by the fact that SALT II is a bilateral treaty between two superpowers, not one that directly involves the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance.

ACTOR. — Turkey's best-known film star Ayhan Isk died on Sunday night of a cerebral hemorrhage which he suffered last week. He was 50.

THE COUNTRY'S BEACHES

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clothing deposit facilities, all of which cost extra at some other places.

Although small, the beach is delightful, set in the ancient harbor with Roman and Crusader walls all around. A semi-enclosed bay assures the bathing area of calm water and an expanse large enough to satisfy all but the most energetic swimmers.

Even the people are beautiful here and anyone wanting a good reason to go on a diet would do well to visit Caesarea's beach regularly. In any case, a visit is a way of living like a lord for a reasonable fee.

The only item that costs more than usual is the restaurant, which does not exactly charge bargain prices. On the other hand, with a plente lunch, even that problem can be overcome.

Halfa, Bot Galim: IL19, children IL7.50 (Shabbat IL10 surcharge), clear, no tar, changing areas, shade, no chairs, kiosks.

This is the beach to put Tel Aviv to shame — if indeed anyone in Tel Aviv still cares. Halfa has proved that a very large beach, serving a densely populated area, can be clean and pleasant.

Everything here is on a giant scale, the changing rooms and showers, the kiosks, and finally the sandy area which stretches for dunes. In short, there is room for everyone.

Divided into small bay areas, the sea here is clean. Additional lifeguards and bathing space are available for particularly crowded days. Large round shady coverings dot the sand, and there are cement paths to protect bathers' feet from the hot sand.

For those who feel they cannot afford the entrance fee, there is a free beach to the south, but it is narrow, crowded and not very clean. But even at the free beach, Halfa provides reasonable changing facilities and toilets.

Three beaches for Halfa.

Sandinistas seize Leon, control 2 other cities

MANAGUA (AP). — Sandinista rebels yesterday seized control of Leon, Nicaragua's second largest city, and were reported in virtual control of two other major northern towns. Fighting with National Guardsmen continued in the south, and the rebels held large parts of the capital, Managua.

Witnesses said the guerrillas mopped up the last remaining National Guard troops in Leon and controlled most of Chinandega and Chichigalpa.

President Anastasio Somoza met nearby around the clock with senior military aides in his fortified bunker in Managua. Government sources said he was studying how to deal with the deteriorating situation.

The fall of the garrison in Leon, 88 km. north of the capital, isolated government forces in a small fort on the outskirts from which they continued to lob mortar shells into Leon.

Some guardsmen tried to flee in their underwear as the command post fell on Sunday. Doctors at the social security hospital, one block from the downtown command post, said other guardsmen demanded at gunpoint that they turn over patients' gowns and doctors' clothing.

Leon controls the main highway to

Chichigalpa and Chinandega and to Corinto, the country's Pacific port. The area has been cut off from telephone communications for more than a week, but refugees reported heavy fighting in Chichigalpa and Chinandega, with rebels in control of most of those cities and the local guard garrisons bottled up in their command posts.

On the diplomatic front Somoza, whose family have ruled for over 40 years, suffered another setback as Ecuador became the third country to withdraw diplomatic recognition of Nicaragua. Mexico and Costa Rica have already done so.

Yesterday five South American countries — all members of the Andean Pact — announced they had formally recognized the Sandinista guerrillas as combatants fighting on the same footing as Somoza's men. The countries are Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, and Bolivia. All except Ecuador still recognize Somoza's government.

Meanwhile, a stream of families of government officials was fleeing the country, most of them to Miami in the U.S., on the Lanica Airlines flight, the only commercial company flying in and out of the Managua airport. Lanica belongs to the Somoza family. (AP, Reuter)

Turkey faces gov't crisis

ANKARA (Reuter). — Turkey edged towards a government crisis yesterday after an independent minister in the left-of-centre cabinet of Premier Bulent Ecevit resigned and joined the main right-wing opposition Justice Party.

The defection of Ali Riza Septoglu, a minister of state, cast doubt on whether Ecevit can still muster a simple majority in the 450-seat lower house of parliament.

Septoglu's resignation, the third from the cabinet in three weeks, was also the third setback for the prime minister in two days. On Sunday, Ahmet Karahan, a deputy from Ecevit's left-of-centre Republican People's Party, quit and joined the Justice Party, headed by former premier Suleyman Demirel.

Independent deputy Camaladdin Inkiya also joined the Justice Party.

British move towards Iraq

LONDON (Reuter). — Britain yesterday announced its first move to repair relations with Iraq after years of quarrelling and acrimony.

In a major switch of emphasis in Middle East policy, the new Conservative foreign secretary, Lord Carrington, announced he would visit Baghdad on July 3 for a 24-hour visit.

It will be his first Middle East visit since taking office last month, and it comes at Iraq's invitation.

Bad relations between the two countries reached their lowest level last July when Britain expelled 11 Iraqi diplomats and businessmen because of concerns over Arab terrorism in London. Baghdad retaliated by expelling 10 Britons from Iraq.

Fifteen dead as train derailed in Ivory Coast

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP). — Fifteen people were killed and 40 injured on Sunday when an express train was derailed about 30 kilometres north of Abidjan, local newspapers reported yesterday.

CORRECTION

In the advertisement for Beth Hofufutath which appeared on Friday June 15, 1979, there was an error made in the visiting hour for Thursdays. — The correct hours are from 10 a.m. — 5 p.m. and not as they appeared last Friday. We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused.

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Regional diary

All the president's men, elected

EGYPTIAN PRIME Minister Mustapha Khalil's eight-month old cabinet yesterday tendered its resignation to President Anwar Sadat in the wake of last week's general elections in which Sadat's ruling party won a massive victory. Dr. Khalil, who was immediately asked to form the new cabinet. Consultations are expected to last two days after which Khalil will present his new cabinet to Sadat for approval in time for next Saturday's inauguration of the new people's assembly (parliament) — the first to be elected under a multi-party system in more than 21 years. Defence Minister Kamel Hassan Ali is likely to retain his post in the new cabinet, and Khalil is expected to keep the post of Foreign Minister.

formed in October last year, following the Camp David accords between Egypt and Israel which paved the way for the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty signed in March and the current Palestinian autonomy talks. One of the most immediate and arduous tasks the new cabinet will be to try to improve the economic situation. The left-wing Unionist Progressive Party (UPP) — strident in its opposition to Sadat's domestic and foreign policies — lost the two seats it held in the outgoing parliament. UPP leader Khaled Mohieddin has charged that Sadat wanted the new parliament free of any real opposition in case the peace treaty failed to bring about the hoped-for economic and other benefits. The UPP has accused the government of rigging the elections — an accusation the government strongly denies. All former deputies who opposed the peace treaty, as well as other candidates known for their opposition to Sadat's peace overtures were

defeated in the elections with one exception — Moustaf Nassef, a former judge who stood as an independent. Out of the 343 seats officially announced so far, the NDP won 302, the Socialist Labour Party (SLP) 29, the Liberal Socialist Party (LSP) three and the independents nine. The main difference between the NDP and SLP campaign platforms was their approach to the public and private sectors. The NDP wants to give equal opportunities to the two sectors, while the SLP favours a bigger role for the public sector. Out of the remaining 49 seats outstanding 16 will be filled by Sadat's personal appointees and 30 are reserved for women. The remaining nine seats are divided between constituencies where there are re-runs because of irregularities, constituencies in Sinai where elections were delayed since part of the territory was only returned by Israel last month, and one constituency in Cairo whose result is expected later today. In most of these constituencies two seats are at stake. (Reuter)

Non-aligned foreign ministers:

Egypt won all but last round

EGYPT UNDER heavy fire in the Arab world for making peace with Israel, won every round except the last at a get-together of the non-aligned movement in Sri Lanka last week. That was the verdict of many delegates assessing the confrontations that occurred behind closed doors among the foreign ministers of the non-aligned coordination bureau. Egypt managed to hold in abeyance its suspension from the movement that it helped found 18 years ago, and it escaped overt criticism in the final declaration of the meeting. But Egypt and its backers lost a tough, all-night fight to keep the Camp David treaty from being condemned for the first time in official documents of the movement of 85 countries and political organizations.

U.N. resolutions, is expected to find its way into future resolutions of the General Assembly, where non-aligned countries command a majority of votes. This will add to the already formidable difficulties of expanding Camp David into a Middle Eastern settlement, diplomats predicted. Egypt, Peru, Zaire, Liberia, Botswana, Cameroon, Senegal and some other African and Asian countries have either filed or plan to file reservations with the Sri Lankan secretariat about the "violation" statement that the Sri Lanka chairman, Foreign Minister A.C.S. Hameed, gavelled into the declaration. He said its inclusion was justified on grounds it was part of the final consensus. Those present at the final closed session said Hameed, determined to adjourn, overruled all objection and demand for further debate, advising those nations to file their reser-

ations within two weeks. The movement operates on consensus without voting. Some participants called it a "50-50" by Sri Lanka to the Arab rejectionist front led by Iraq and the Palestinian Liberation Organisation, reportedly the sponsors of the "violation" statement about the Camp David pact. Colombo hotel lobbyists and diplomatic missions lobbied with speculation about Hameed's motives, many recalling that when Hameed chaired a non-aligned meeting at the U.N. headquarters last January he had rejected a similar Iraqi move. The Sri Lanka explanation for Hameed's apparent turnaround was that he was determined to save the non-aligned movement at any cost from a split and hand it over intact to Gaha, the next chairman, in September.

Terrorists left Tyre...to suburbs

LIFE IS returning to Tyre, the southern Lebanese city a week after Palestinian terrorists withdrew from there. Terrorist officers say their units were moved to neighbouring refugee camps and the countryside in line with the Palestinian Liberation Organisation's plan to deprive Israel of its excuse for attacking south Lebanese villages. The PLO maintains its presence north of the strategic Litani river which zig zags 18-30 kilometres north of the Israeli border. "All PLO factions have closed down their offices in Tyre and villages of the county and set up bases in the surrounding areas," said Maher, commander of the Doha police in the area. Maher's policemen were directing traffic in downtown Tyre for the first time in two years. Up to now, police functions had been performed by terrorists and their Lebanese leftist militia allies. "I have police stations at all villages of the county and they reported the withdrawals to me," he said. Maher refused to name the

villages that housed terrorist bases. All seven Palestinian terrorist offices that used to operate in Tyre were closed last week. Lebanese policemen equipped with U.S.-made M-16 automatic rifles rolled the streets of a 4,700-year-old Tyre. Local authorities said 60 per cent of Tyre's residents have returned to their city. Half of them leave by sundown, fearing renewed shelling at night either by Israeli gunners or by border Christian militias. The town's three movie theatres were operating again after a long interruption. "Palestinian terrorists are not allowed into Tyre as well as other villages of the area unless on leave, unarmed and in civilian clothes," said Maher. "I am the only guerrilla here," he added. Steel-belted terrorists of the Palestinian armed struggle command, the terrorist movement's military police, set up checkpoints on the outskirts of Tyre to prevent their men from entering the city. The terrorist command in

southern Lebanon has also adopted several other disciplinary measures including a ban on liquor. "Bans have been declared on limits even for terrorists on leave," Maj. Saad said. Terrorists, however, maintained control over three Palestinian refugee camps of Tyre's southern and eastern outskirts. "Running the camps and handing their defense is a PLO responsibility under existing agreements with the Lebanese government," Maj. Saad explained. Field commanders refuse to disclose the location of new terrorist bases in Tyre area after the pullout from Lebanese-populated towns. North of the Litani, the terrorists maintained their usual presence in almost every town and village. Young gunmen in green fatigues drove their jeeps in the inland market town of Nabatieh, 20 km. north of Tyre, and manned sand bags at the entrances to their offices. Nabatieh has been almost empty except for the terrorists and their Lebanese leftist militia allies. (AP)

Oman's Marxists ride again

MARXIST GUERRILLAS appear to be preparing for another effort to bring down the conservative Sultan of Oman, ruler of an area of vital interest to the oil-hungry West. Diplomats familiar with developments in the region said that the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman (PFLO) began to regroup and reorganize its forces soon after the balance of power in the Gulf was transformed by the overthrow of the Shah of Iran. Well-trained commando units have resumed operations in Oman's southern Dhofar province which borders on South Yemen, the Soviet Union's closest ally in the Arab world, the diplomats said. Oman, with 1,600 km of coastline, overlooks the Straits of Hormuz — a narrow deepwater channel through which more than 100 tankers a day carry oil to the industrialized world. In the early 1970s, the Shah sent thousands of troops across the Gulf to Oman to join the Sultan's 19,000-

strong army — which includes an estimated 700 British contract officers — in fighting the protracted Dhofar rebellion. In 1976, Sultan Qaboos declared the revolt crushed. "Now the post of policeman of the Gulf has become vacant with the departure of the Shah, it is only natural that there should be fresh troubles in Oman," one diplomat said. "After all, Oman is too rich a prize to be left alone." In its first report on a major military encounter for more than a year, the PFLO said last week that one of its units fought an 11-hour battle with Omani troops north of the town of Taqa recently. The PFLO draws the bulk of its support from South Yemen. The border between Yemen and Oman bristles with minefields and electronic listening devices, but they appear to have failed in stopping infiltration. Usually reliable sources in Beirut said the Governor of Dhofar

province was assassinated by PFLO commandos at the beginning of the month. But there has been no confirmation from the PFLO and some reports said he had died in a car crash. According to travellers returning from Yemen, the government stopped issuing visas to journalists early this month, saying there were insufficient facilities to receive them. The move fuelled speculation over increased military activity in Oman. Western sources in Beirut said the United States, already faced with a shortage of oil, was considering extending military support to Oman. Sultan Qaboos is the only Arab ruler who has expressed unqualified support for Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace pact with Israel. PFLO reports that Egypt has moved about 7,000 troops to Oman to replace the departed Iranians who had not been confirmed independently. (Reuter)

Iran: more isolated than ever

By THOMAS KENT
TEHRAN — Four months after the Islamic revolution, Iran's foreign relations are turbulent. The new regime now stands on shaky ground with both its smaller neighbours and has just accused one bordering country, Iraq, of bombing its villages. Diplomats in Tehran believe that Iran is more isolated diplomatically now than at any time during the Shah's reign. Still, they acknowledge that the new government has moved toward better ties with some countries, including several Islamic nations and the non-aligned bloc. The reported Iraqi air raids against four Iranian villages last week raises the prospect of renewed trouble between Baghdad and Tehran, which patched up earlier quarrels in 1974. On Iran's eastern border, relations are tense with Afghanistan. Afghan President Nur Mohammed Taraki, with Soviet military support, is attempting to put down a rebellion by Moslem guerrillas in what some Iranians see as a replay of their own revolution against the U.S.-supported Shah. Iran has broken diplomatic

relations with Israel, South Africa and Egypt since the February revolution. It has also pulled out of its Central Treaty Organization (CENTO) alliance with Pakistan, Turkey, Britain and the United States. As a replacement for CENTO, it is negotiating for membership in the non-aligned movement. Iran's credentials for being non-aligned include cool relations with both superpowers. Iran's religious leaders continue to unleash strident anti-Communist rhetoric against Moscow and Iran's own leftists, despite Moscow's early support for the Khomeini regime. Iran's relations with the U.S. have been on edge since a U.S. Senate resolution last month condemned Iranian revolutionary courts. Although U.S.-Iranian trade has picked up again since the resolution, Iran is delaying the arrival of a new U.S. ambassador in Tehran. Relations with Iraq may prove to be Iran's most delicate regional problem. Iraq gave shelter to Khomeini from 1975 to 1978 but expelled him under pressure from the Shah's government.

Iran and Iraq are entangled in ethnic problems. Both countries have sizeable ethnic Kurdish populations and diplomats say Iraq foams unrest among Kurds if Iranian Kurds succeed in their negotiation with the Tehran government for local autonomy. For its part, Iran, whose Moslems are mainly of the Shiite branch of Islam, is concerned for the welfare of minority Shites in Iraq. Iranian state radio reported increased border activity by Iraqi troops during the Khuzestan fighting, a claim that Iraq denied. Diplomats doubt that the Iraqi government is directly arming Iranian Arabs, but they say Baghdad may be turning a blind eye to supply missions organized by the Arabs' individual Iraqi sympathizers. Iranian relations appear to be holding steady with some other Moslem neighbours, including Pakistan, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia. The government has deavowed the Shah's commitment to police the Persian Gulf, reducing the prospect of Iranian military intervention in the Emirate in a future crisis. But there is still little sign of the

kind of unity between Iran and other Islamic nations of which Khomeini had dreamed. In February, he was quoted as telling a Kuwaiti delegation that he "hoped" all Islamic nations scattered around the world and standing in opposing lines against each other due to foreigners' adverse propaganda will awaken soon to form a great Islamic government under one Islamic flag, a nation that would dominate the whole world. "Iran's ties with Egypt, one of the most populous Moslem countries, are now non-existent. Relations with Libya appear to be stalled over the disappearance of an Iranian-born Lebanese Moslem leader, Imam Mousa Sadr, who vanished following a visit to Libya last year. Other Islamic countries, such as Turkey, give religion a far smaller role in the government affairs than Islam has had so far in revolutionary Iran. All these issues must be settled before an Islamic super-state can develop. For the moment, Iran appears too preoccupied by problems with the superpowers and on its borders. (AP)

Business—Saudi style

By ROD NEWMAN/Special to The Jerusalem Post

THE TALE is told, around the dinner tables of the foreign business community in Riyadh and Jeddah, of the "Saudi IBM System." The "IBM" is an acronym from *Inshallah* (God willing), *buqrah* (tomorrow) and *wa's leah* (it doesn't matter). However cynical the joke contains a large element of truth. Foreign businessmen jettison to Saudi Arabia can be certain only that they will encounter more difficulties and delays there than virtually anywhere else in the world. Of all the Middle East markets, Saudi Arabia is inevitably the most powerful magnet by virtue of its enormous oil revenues, its commitment to spend as much of its petrodollar income as possible, and the scale of its development plans. Just as the desert kingdom's ports until fairly recently have been unable to cope with the volume of imports, so the hotels of the main cities have been burning at the seams to accommodate all those clamouring for contracts. Obtaining an entry visa for Saudi Arabia has taken months for some applicants at the best of times. As an act of policy, the Saudi government has periodically slowed down authorisations — but not sufficient to stem the tide of U.S., West European and Japanese businessmen flowing into the country. They are attracted, in the main, by the hope of participating in the kingdom's huge development programme envisaged by the Saudi's \$12 billion second five-year plan, due to be succeeded by a third five-year plan from 1983. This extraordinary programme is being financed mostly, of course, with the ever-increasing returns from oil. Oil revenues this fiscal year are expected to be more than \$38 billion, about 18 per cent more than two years ago. Saudi cash reserves are said to be more than \$60 billion, rivalled only by those of West Germany. The current development plan stresses the all-important Saudi goal of maintaining "a high ratio of

economic growth by developing economic resources, maximizing earnings from oil over the long term, and conserving depletable resources." The theme has been diversification of the Saudi Arabian economy away from its dependence on oil, with a private non-petroleum sector growth rate of up to nearly 25 per cent a year by next year. Recognizing that initial targets were surely over-ambitious, and taking account of a drastic shortage of skilled manpower as well as an overburdened administration, the Saudi government revised its targets down from first projections. But public sector construction is still likely to account for close to the \$70 billion — or half of total appropriations — outlined in the original blueprint. Even if the plan does fall short of its far-reaching objectives, as now seems certain, and even though very substantial contracts continue to be awarded apace, the Saudis have no intention of forfeiting quality for speed of implementation (having to a degree learned the hard way in the past). Yet what remains in this and the next development programme is an immense market for contractors, consultants, traders and manufacturers. But the competition and the difficulties for those winning bids for contracts and supplies are in proportion to the prizes. While international competition is intense, conditions of work and contract terms are more daunting than almost anywhere else. Demand for goods and materials often far outruns locally available supply — a problem that was compounded by the bottleneck of port congestion, now greatly alleviated. The shortage of labour has become

ing more acute, and its cost higher by the day. For the past few years now, responsibility for finding and importing labour has been placed on foreign contractors undertaking projects. And until recently, general inflation was running at about 35 per cent. Meanwhile, geographical and climatic conditions are among the most trying in the world. The sword of Damocles in all Saudi government contracts is draconian penalties for failure to complete on schedule — some contractors have had their fingers burned simply because of bad luck with weather. But at least the Saudis are now consenting to inflation index clauses in particular contracts under seal. Foreign contractors and consultants are obliged to lodge five per cent performance bonds with local banks; it used to be 10 per cent. Most businessmen nowadays have a better knowledge of regulations for and liabilities inherent in these international contracts as they apply to Saudi Arabia. But as a trade attaché at a Western embassy in Jeddah said: "So many arrived here ill-informed, or not informed at all." In the private sector, the foreign businessman must understand that sooner rather than later he will have to find a sponsor — and this is largely a matter of picking your man. A name that rolls off the tongue is Laing Wimpey Alireza, a joint venture between the British construction giant and one of Jeddah's most respected merchant families which has won, among other valuable deals, important defence contracts. Investment law in Saudi Arabia is a marriage of "the Koran and traditional Shariah on the one hand (the best-known legalistic principle

of which is that interest is banned as usury, while nominal "commission" may be charged) and modern royal decrees on the other. The latter are adapted to business requirements and are much the more important in this respect. There is a variety of formal and semi-formal business arrangements, including variable capital companies, but partnerships and unincorporated "joint ventures" are the most common between foreign entrepreneur and Saudi sponsor. Incorporation involves a fairly complicated official administrative process, but five-year tax holidays, real estate benefits and other incentives are available where the Saudi has at least a 25 per cent capital interest. Quasi-legal agency agreements may also enjoy considerable benefits, including tax holidays, depending on the equity of the Saudi sponsor. However, it is absolutely essential in all cases that both sides understand mutually what is meant by "profit" on which commission will be paid. Forms of income and company taxes, plus a small religious tax, are levied and all imports except construction materials and foodstuffs are taxed unless there is a special exemption. Foreign workers in Saudi Arabia are no longer liable to personal income tax. Life on the ground for the foreign businessman is becoming less arduous than it was a few years ago as hotel accommodation becomes more plentiful and communications improve. But in a wider sphere the foreigner in Saudi Arabia will still hear anxious public debate about undesirable "outside influences." The foreign businessman must tread warily, as well as bringing with him expertise and letters of credit, when he comes in search of a partnership with Saudi Arabia's phenomenal prosperity. It is something for him to think about as he sits in his lonely hotel room waiting for contacts to call.



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Paulina won't play in Wimbledon tryout

By JACK LEON Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — Local tennis star Paulina Peled is not participating in this week's qualifying tournament in Roshampton, London for the upcoming Wimbledon championships.

Lithuanian-born Peled said yesterday that she had not been able to find the time for the essential several weeks of acclimatization training in England in preparation for Roshampton.

Israel softball

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. OB. Rows include Tel Aviv, Ashdod, Kibbutz, Kfar Shmaryahu, A.A.C.I., Tel Aviv, Maccabi, U.S. Embassy, Kibbutz Gese, Tel Aviv Types, Kibbutz, Shomrat-Adami, Kibbutz Ein Dor, Kfar Shmaryahu A.C.I., Shomrat-Adami, U.S. Embassy, Ein Dor, Gese.

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Irwin wins U.S. golf open

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP). — Hala Irwin, grinding away with the intensity that has marked his rise among the current crop of great golfers, fought his way to a front-running, 4-over-par 75 in the final round Sunday to win his second U.S. Open Championship.

He collected \$60,000 from the total purses of about \$850,000. South African Gary Player and American Jerry Pate tied for second with 285.

Baseball standings

Table with columns: National League, American League, East, West, W, L, Pct., GB. Rows include Montreal, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago, New York, Houston, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Atlanta.

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UNTANGLING THREADS

By HYAM COENEY/Post London Correspondent

WHEN PREMIER BEGIN was in London last month, he was presented with a copy of a new book on the events in Palestine during the years 1935 to 1948. It was given to him by the author, Nicholas Bethell, whom Begin described as "a great writer of historic research." The book, he said, was "very objective and very interesting."

Bethell arrived in Israel recently in connection with publication of the Hebrew edition of his book "The Palestine Triangle" (published in England by Andre Deutsch). Later this year, Putnam will publish an American edition, with one also due in West Germany.

Lord Bethell, to give him his correct title, was naturally flattered by Begin's praise, the more so since his book is not uncritical of the former Irgun leader. Begin in fact was one of the many people Bethell interviewed in his research into the period.

"He was very cooperative," Bethell said when interviewed for The Jerusalem Post in his elegant home in West London on Sunday. "He talked for many hours and appeared genuinely anxious to explain to an English historian exactly why, in his opinion, his fight had been a justifiable one. He believes that without the Irgun, the Jewish State would not have come into being. It is a claim which I can neither prove or disprove."

Bethell, born in 1938, came to the

writing of the book without any great prior knowledge of the area. In 1960, while an undergraduate at Cambridge where he read Arabic and Persian, he went on a visit to the Arab world, including Jordanian Jerusalem. But until he began preparing for the book, he had never been to Israel.

He was attracted to the idea of writing about the history of this crucial period in the area for largely pragmatic reasons since under the "thirty-year rule" the official British government papers covering the vital year 1947 became available at the beginning of 1978.

HIS AIM, Bethell told me, was "to get together the three sides of the triangle — the British, Jewish and Arab. After a year of research, I decided the story was something of a Greek tragedy, a conflict between right and right, and that from the beginning of the Mandate, the story had moved to its fated conclusion. The outcome seemed to be a mixed success from the Zionists' point of view. They achieved their objective of a State, but failed to obtain peace with their neighbours."

Does Bethell think there were errors on any side that could have been avoided? "The Palestine

Arabs," he replied, "made a terrible miscalculation in throwing in their lot with Nazi Germany. The British error was the general lack of any set policy. As for the Zionists, their propaganda, particularly in 1945-46, was aggressive to the point of being counter-productive as far as British policy was concerned. I don't know if British policy would have been less anti-Zionist in the absence of this propaganda, but it certainly sharpened hostility in London towards the Zionist enterprise. A large number of British witnesses whom I interviewed complained about the comparisons made at the time in Zionist propaganda between the British and the Nazis. This sticks in their minds even more than the loss of life."

ONE OF THE people who features prominently in the book is Malcolm MacDonald, the former British colonial secretary who was responsible for the infamous White Paper of 1939. Now in his late seventies, he had many talks with Bethell in connection with the book and is, in Bethell's view, "very astute and sharp. He hasn't opened up on this subject to any other author," says Bethell, who found him very cooperative.

Bethell found him "not bitter but very sad. He feels very saddened by the whole subject, but particularly by the destruction of his friendship with Chaim Weizmann."

Bethell's study of the period has left him, he says, neither pro nor anti-Zionist and neither pro nor anti-Arab.

The book, he hopes, is also "neither pro nor anti. It explains why both Palestinians and Israelis feel passionately that they are right and the other side is wrong. It also shows how Britain tried to bring the two sides together and at the same time retain something for herself." He describes himself as "a friend of Israel" and as one who has always felt very sympathetic to both Israel and the Arabs.

Writing the book, however, has confirmed his belief that men who work in offices find it impossible to deal with problems first and foremost on a human level.

"When they have to deal with human problems, they very often react with an indifference that reaches the point of callousness. They are concerned first of all with tidying up a problem, secondly humanitarian considerations. These are generally at the bottom of the list of priorities, and they become priority issues only when there is a risk of intervention by parliament or the press."



Night patrol during the War of Independence. (Rubinger)

SOME mornings there are conversations on the 7 o'clock newscast. Like last Tuesday's, when we were informed that Israel had trounced the Yugoslav five and Mighty Mickey Berkowitz had put us back in business as challengers in the European basketball championships.

We have since also knocked out the Spaniards and settled an old score with the Czechs.

There hasn't been so much jubilation on my street since Jerusalem Betar's victory. Simha Ehrlich should pay the boys a premium for having taken our minds off other subjects. As for Gideon Hod, he is definitely the best sports commentator we have.

Edna Pe'er is back in business. Her opening broadcast (Friday, 15th and Wed. 22nd, Second prog.) is a revival of the "I do give a damn" series. Last week's programme launched a series dedicated to UN's "Year of the Child." It is a screaming indictment — of ourselves.

Pe'er zooms in on the abandoned, the orphans, the mentally retarded and the drug addicts. She does all this using unobtrusive equipment so as not to awe those interviewed.

In spite of the obviously careful selecting and editing that must have been done, there is still a feeling of continuity and, above all, of authenticity. Pe'er makes no comment of her own. She only asks the questions and one hears the voices of the children and the background noises — a wailing infant, a barking dog or

the clanging of a cell door. "Are you my mother?" asked a little girl in an institution. (Pe'er didn't even tell us what kind of institution.) "Take me home with you!" Any home.

THERE WAS Gabi. Retarded? Perhaps, but we weren't so sure after listening to him. The one thing he wanted most desperately was "to be like everybody else," to stop the involuntary twitching of his limbs so that people would stop staring at him.

"The only time I am happy is when I am playing (my harmonica)." And he played it for us. If Gabi wasn't prompted to say what he said, his mumbled sentences made as much sense as anything I had heard that day.

10-year-old Aliza. "If he dies I will never eat again, go to school or secondary school or even marry." Aliza's teenage brother is dying of cancer and she knows all about it. She takes care of him as there is nobody else in the destitute family who can.

She knows that her brother will die. "Dying is like giving birth, I think. It must be the same form of anguish..." Aliza cried.

Then there was Michal, four years old, who sees her mother only once in a fortnight. Her mother is serving a

Back in business

LISTENING IN... Ze'ev Schul

He sentence for murdering Michal's father.

"She needs so much love now, she needs me more every time we meet."

Miko, a dope pusher from Jaffa, is 14 years old. He is taking out what he considers to be a well-justified grudge against society. "They transferred me to one of those swank schools in north Tel Aviv. I was doing pretty well in Jaffa before. But up north they decided I was to be picked for my having all those things they had. Well I showed them. I made them steal for me and do other things. Told them I would cut them up if they wouldn't do as I told them. Showed them who's boss."

The 15-year-old hooker ran away from home after she was repeatedly beaten up by her father. The father says: "The police don't help. They should have arrested the criminal who led her astray. We are Turks — Sephardim. Respectable people. Curse the State of Israel. Did I come here only to see my daughter turned into a whore..."

Edna Pe'er left it at that and we were left in the dark as to whether there were thousands, or hundreds,

or perhaps only one or two such cases. Which is a pity. The feature was masterfully compiled but, to my taste, incomplete. Some statistics, dry and delivered without emotion, would have been a fitting end.

THE PLIGHT of the abandoned children and orphans of World War I was recalled in a perhaps not entirely unrelated feature on Kfar Yeladim, broadcast a day later.

Kfar Yeladim is by now an all but forgotten place, just north of Afula and now incorporated into the "upper" quarter of that town.

The story concerned the odyssey of Israel Belkind and 180 orphans. Perhaps Belkind did rescue the youngsters from a worse fate. As the story was told it did, however, strike me as the unparalleled irresponsibility of a man obsessed by an idea. Collecting the children and bringing them to safety inside Poland was a good thing. But bringing them to Palestine in the early 20s, and hiring some of them out to the farmers of Hadera ("where some of them died") and later to Rosh Pina seems, to me, to have been criminal. I may be doing Belkind a grave injustice since I am going only by the story as it was recorded on Kol Yisrael.

Ultimately, South African Jewry chipped in and the village at Kfar Yeladim was built. The idea of

schools for orphans or unaccompanied (or abandoned) children was later to be adopted in various forms and, as I understand it, Kfar Yeladim also enjoyed an excellent reputation during the ten years of its existence (1922-1932). It later became a Hagana training centre and the children's villages of Meir Shifaya and Ben Shimon took its place.

IN "Here At Home" (Thursday, about 1030 hours), a lady whose name I didn't catch made an interesting attempt to explain why we are a hoarse-sounding nation. She admitted that whatever she was about to say (hoarsely, honestly) was without any scientific foundation.

The essence was that early generations of Israelis had a double language problem: the language was both new to them and was being revived. Many words still had to be invented.

The frustration of being unable to express themselves properly was overcome by sheer volume. The upshot of it all was a shouting match, still the accepted form of Israeli conversation to this very day. Ergo The National Raps.

This explains (according to the lady) why singers like Edna Lev and Nehama Hendel can't sing piano. I would add Yaffa Yarkoni as a classic example, and make the late Louis Armstrong an honorary Israeli.

My theory is that sahars are never taught to talk. They start screaming at birth and continue merrily through life.

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1 t. confectioner's sugar
1/2 t. salt
2 T. cold milk or pareve whip
1 1/2 cups flour

1. Place flour, margarine, sugar, salt, milk or pareve whip in a mixing bowl and work with a fork until the dough forms a ball.

2. Roll out with rolling pin and place in pie shell. Bake in 350°F (180°C) oven 10 minutes. Chill before adding filling.

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WHOLE WHEAT PIE CRUST
1 cup whole wheat flour
3 T. brown sugar
6-8 T. soft butter or margarine

1. Mix whole wheat flour and brown sugar with soft butter or margarine in a mixing bowl until it resembles corn meal.

2. Press into bottom and up sides of pie plate. Bake in 350°F (180°C) oven for 5 minutes. Fill with favourite filling.

Collection goes to Pretoria U. Major art gift raises questions

By CHARLES BLOOMBERG/Johannesburg

A priceless art collection — possibly including work belonging to Jewish victims of the Holocaust — has been accepted by Pretoria University from convicted Dutch wartime collaborator Jacobus Abraham van Tilburg.

The university says it is satisfied that none of the art treasures were owned by Jews or improperly obtained. But it has declined to let the press examine certificates of origin or purchase.

The university describes the collection as "one of the largest private art collections in the world." Brought from Holland in 1951, it is worth between \$2-5m. Van Tilburg, a Dutch right-winger, held office during the Nazi occupation of Holland as Dordrecht's alderman. Now aged 90, he came to South Africa 25 years ago, telling "The Star" that he was a strong supporter of South Africa's Nationalist Party and had highly placed friends in the country. "I love South Africa and want to die here."

BUT VAN TILBURG says, "I know where every single item in the collection comes from. They were all acquired before the war. None of the items was given to me by Jewish families fleeing the Nazis. They were bought from private collectors at auction sales and from various dealers." He has also claimed that his collection was "the most important in Holland" even before the war.

Other accusations that he profited from Jewish misfortunes have come from:

- Esther Stiel Schmalewitz, who has said she gave him 12,000 guilders in 1942 — but later received only a small fraction back;
- Wolf Eisenstock, now in Israel, who has said he and his family left valuable carpets in Van Tilburg's safekeeping. "We all believed Van Tilburg. We thought him an honourable man who could be trusted with our valuables."
- Feres Wang, a former business associate, who has said he gave Van Tilburg diamonds which were never returned after the war; Wang sued Van Tilburg, but lost his case.

Van Tilburg's collection fills every room of his rambling Pretoria mansion. It includes a small Rembrandt, worth hundreds of thousands of dollars; 100 paintings by the Italian watercolour master Falconi — believed to be the largest single collection of his work anywhere; a rare full set of 6 famille rose plates, painted in the Casus technique with crushed rubies and other gems — one of only three examples of this work in the world; one room filled with 2,400 blue porcelain pieces, including Ming and Delft ware; and 3,000 graphic items.

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1/2 t. salt
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup sour cream
1/2 t. lemon juice
1 egg

1. Mix flour, baking powder and salt in a mixing bowl. Add butter or margarine and mix until mealy.

2. Add sour cream, lemon juice and egg. Work to a soft dough. Form into a ball and refrigerate until chilled. Roll out to fit pie plate, add filling and bake as indicated in pie directions.

KUCHEN BASE
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup margarine
1 egg
1/2 cup milk or pareve whip
1 1/2 cups flour
1 t. baking powder
1/2 t. salt

1. Cream sugar and margarine. Add egg, then stir in milk or pareve whip.

2. Sift flour, baking powder and salt. Add to creamed ingredients. Spread batter in greased pie plate. Add filling and bake in 375°F (190°C) oven 25-30 minutes.

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- A trial of Anglo-Saxon greatness? (8)
- Catcher of fine turbot? (3)
- Accommodation M O S H o averages? (5)
- Members of the eleven? (4)
- Near faces in the catering business? (5)
- Fruit cages? (5)
- Least? (5)
- Covering for a cost? (4)
- Man in the field of insurance? (3)
- Beast of a man I'm always hiding? (8)
- Bill for some eatables? (3)
- Beast of a man I'm always hiding? (8)
- Attractive, but shy about a chap? (6)
- Man from Normandy? (4)
- Some fellows about having to pay? (5, 3)
- Performer who possibly relaxes? (6)

DOWN

- Scrub a number clean, possibly? (6)
- They fly down out country roads? (6)
- Don't private one see for themselves? (4)
- Quarrels with the cleaners? (7)
- A note or small letter? (5)
- She joins the chamo for drinks? (5)
- A blow on the brow? (4)
- A singer with one's better half? (5)
- One is very distressed to send it? (3)
- Animal as wide as a road? (5)
- Such rough measures may mostly be fresh? (5)
- John takes a key office abroad? (5)
- The cry of a cornered cockney? (3)
- Price of a safe exit? (3)
- Oldsters following Cora in a boat? (7)
- Border seen in the mist? (3)
- London town? (6)
- Order a boy, finally, to do as he's told? (4)
- Elizabeth can almost be seen as royalty? (6)
- Bring on for a reason? (5)
- They hold up the grape and glass? (5)
- Speed up? (3)
- Spectral list of old service-women? (4)

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Lower part? (8)
- Cooking liquid? (5)
- Unfasten? (4)
- Ribbon? (6)
- Goes stealthily? (8)
- Obtain? (3)
- Posture + talking card? (5)
- Source of venison? (4)
- Silver creature? (5)
- Sharp weapon? (5)
- Metal mixture? (5)
- Unyielding? (4)
- Location? (3)
- Go up? (6)
- Illian? (6)
- Takes food? (4)
- Floods? (8)
- Pot mender? (6)

DOWN

- Strengthened? (6)
- Earth's satellite? (4)
- Warded off? (7)
- Card-game? (5)
- Explosion? (5)
- Impulse? (4)
- Spot? (3)
- Resisting organ? (3)
- Strength? (5)
- Seat? (5)
- Ill? (5)
- Night bird? (3)
- Attempt? (3)
- Thin? (7)
- High card? (3)
- Hurry? (5)
- Curves? (4)
- Currency unit? (6)
- Cornish speciality? (5)
- Oak fruit? (5)
- Bleat? (3)
- Reinolder? (4)

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Technology '79 reflects Israel's industrial growth

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Jerusalem Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — "The potentialities for industrial development must be surveyed and harnessed by the State as one of the supreme tasks... We have a mighty weapon which we must utilize with ingenuity and skill, with every means available to us. Science is that weapon, our vessel of strength and our source of defence," stated Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first president and a scientist in his own right.

The statement was made 30 years ago and today with the opening of Technology '79, the international trade fair, some 350 Israeli companies out of a total of nearly 1,400 will be showing products. In many cases the products are the product of local ingenuity and research and development.

Technology '79 is by far the most important and largest international professional event to take place in this country. A reflection of the importance of this international trade fair is that no fewer than 20 countries are participating, third more than those who attended the fair held some two years ago.

All of the exhibition buildings available at the Tel Aviv Fair Grounds are being utilized, more than 18,000 square metres. Another 3,800 metres of outdoor space is also being used for exhibition purposes.

Nine countries are appearing officially at Technology '79. They are Austria, Australia, Italy, the U.S., Belgium, Britain, West Germany, France and Canada. Each of these countries will have its own national exhibition building.

This will mark the first time that Canada is appearing at the technology fair. The Ontario Ministry of Industry and Tourism initiated and organized Canada's participation.

Heading the 50 strong Canadian delegation is Ontario's Minister of Industry and Tourism, The Honourable Larry Grossman. Canadian officials have indicated that this

visiting exhibitors are anxious to develop trade and know-how ties with their Israeli counterparts.

Three totally new areas of industrial endeavour will be exhibited for the first time. These are security devices, work tools and auxiliary tools, primarily for use in workshop industries and systems and the whole area of energy utilization and preservation.

Security devices whether against fire or theft or industrial process control have become ever more important on the industrial scene. Awareness of the need to protect the production line worker from accidents on the job has been the basis of highly specialized products ranging from the very mundane eye goggles to protection from radiation.

On display will be products and systems to protect industrial plants from theft and the dangers of fire. Complete communications systems which allow management strict supervision of all areas of production can also be seen.

One of the products of local ingenuity is the new sprinkler-type fire extinguisher produced by the local Alshem Ltd. The management describes the new piece of equipment as a "spot extinguisher" intended primarily for specific area fire control. It has a small container, the size of a watermelon, and it can be easily positioned around such expensive equipment as generators and transformers.

Alshem is best known for its "pocket fire extinguishers." In 1978 the company's sales rose from IL\$1m. to IL\$2m. Last year the company made initial exports of \$70,000 while this year it has already passed the \$100,000 mark.

Work and auxiliary tools presented are specifically engineered for the small or medium-sized factory. The underlying concept behind this exhibition is the assumption that the small factory owner may be less knowledgeable about innovations in the tool field. The most up-to-date equipment,

from all parts of the world will be on display and available commercially.

Israel has assumed, in recent years, a prominent position internationally in the solar energy field. Companies such as Mirovit, Amcor and others have successfully exported solar energy collectors to various parts of the world. At the Weizmann Institute, accelerated basic research is being carried out in various facets of energy — solar, chemical and biological.

Professor I. Dostrowsky, an isotope specialist, for example, is working on selective coatings which may bring about a marked improvement in the effectiveness of solar collectors. Another research project, holding great commercial promise, is headed by Professor G. Yakutiel and deals with the concentration of solar energy through the use of cylindrical mirrors.

The exhibits cover nearly all aspects of industrial endeavour however, not less than 264 firms will be showing machines and equipment associated with the metal working field and another 124 firms are specialists in measuring and industrial control equipment.

While technology '79 offers an outstanding opportunity for local producers to exhibit their various products for the benefit of local industry as well as the many overseas visitors, the fact that three out of every four exhibitors are from outside of Israel is a reflection of the industrial growth of this country as well as its having become a consumer of sophisticated and advanced equipment.

Canadians leaders visit trade fair

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — In conjunction with Canada's first participation in the technology trade fair, the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce is acting as host to a group of Canadian business, industry and community leaders.

In a week-long stay the visitors will meet with their counterparts in Israel. A highlight of the visit will be a meeting with Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Leading the group will be Lou Ross, president of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and president of the Work Wear Corporation of Canada, a major producer of work clothing. The other community dignitaries include the presidency of B'nai B'rith, Canada.

Scheduled to assume the presidency of the Chamber in September of this year is Phil Granovsky, well known Canadian industrialist and world chairman of the Keren Hayesod.

The trade delegation numbers some 35 individuals while another 10 exhibitors will be present at Technology. The visitors have expressed interest in holding on the Sodom-Eilat railroad project which is estimated to be in the order of \$800m. If they are successful, the Canadian government will provide the required financing for the project.

Also, part of the group is Thor Eaton, national vice-president of the Eaton Department store chain, the best known chain of its type in Canada. He is joined by Douglas Bassett, president of Eaton, one of Canada's large broadcasting corporations. Bassett's father is remembered as being one of the founders of the Herziya television and film studios. Montague Black, another member of the group, heads the Argus, a major investment company in Canada.

Top Treasury expert hits gov't spending

By ALAN ELSNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prof. Assaf Razin, a senior economic advisor in the Treasury, yesterday launched a violent attack on government overspending, which he termed, "the number one cause of inflation." Razin heads the Treasury's Economic Planning Authority. He was speaking at the opening of an international conference at Tel Aviv University under the auspices of the Finhas Sapir Development Centre on "development in an inflationary economy."

He charged "Ministers overspend in order to increase their personal popularity and political clout, without bearing the ultimate interests of the state in mind." A particular target for Razin's criticism was the Education Ministry. "The decision to make education free to all sectors of the population was a regressive measure designed to win political capital at the expense of the Israeli economy," Razin said.



Technology may be fine for most of the world, but it doesn't impress Michael Tetashvili, a butcher in Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market. Tetashvili, who came to Israel from Soviet Georgia five years ago, brought his abacus with him. He says that it is easier to use and more accurate than a calculator. (Nelson)

Saudi passes at Harvard but not in business

NEW YORK (AP). — "Ghaith Rashed Pharaon, multinational tycoon, Harvard MBA (master of business administration) and head of one of Saudi Arabia's largest companies," is one of the world's biggest investors but not one of the best, "Forbes Magazine" says.

"The 38-year-old son of an adviser to the Saudi royal family is one of the largest individual cash buyers of corporate properties in the world," the fortnightly U.S. business periodical added.

"In 1976 he bought control of the Bank of the Commonwealth in Detroit for just under \$10m."

Since then Pharaon paid \$60m. for 10 per cent of Montedison, the all-Italian conglomerate; \$20m. for 5 per cent of BSN-Gervais Danone, the French conglomerate that bottles Evian water; \$14.7m. for 80 per cent of National Bank of Georgia, which is still trying to recover from

(former U.S. presidential aide) Bert Lance's regime. Then there are the small deals including 50 per cent of a Malaysian palm oil refinery.

"It is impossible to value his private purchases," "Forbes" says, "but of those holdings that can be valued it is clear that he has done badly. Pharaon's known holdings in publicly traded U.S. companies were recently selling 88 per cent below what he paid. Abroad, he has headaches too. Pharaon is reportedly calling for tighter auditing of Montedison to make sure Italian politicians don't take money out of it. Isn't that the sort of thing a prudent investor would do before putting \$60m. into the company?"

"So far," "Forbes" concludes, "Pharaon, the consummate, urbane multinational investor, still hasn't made it to the head of his investment class."

Solar storage unit holds summer heat

STOCKHOLM. — What is claimed to be the world's first solar energy system for central heating to feature season-to-season storage of heat has recently been inaugurated at Studsvik, East Sweden, by Studsvik Energiteknik AB. The prototype plant will supply a nearby 500-square-metre office building with its heating requirements throughout the year.

The system consists of a pit with a volume of 640 cubic metres insulated at bottom and sides with 40-cm-thick insulating material. The pit is filled with water, on top of which floats an

insulated "lid" which supports an array of solar energy collectors with a total surface area of 120 square metres. The lid rotates in such a way that the collectors face the sun at all times.

In the course of the summer the water in the pit is gradually heated up until it attains a temperature of about 70°C just before the onset of winter. As the cold advances the hot water is pumped to the office block's heating system, which largely comprises hollow floor beams, and is circulated through it.

Industry must adapt to coal, say experts

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — "Israel's industry must change over from fuel oil to coal-fired energy because it may become impossible for us to supply all the fuel oil needs, at whatever price," the chief scientist of the Energy Ministry, Prof. Arthur Shavit, said last week.

The change to coal is imperative, however great the difficulties, he stressed.

Speaking at a workshop on the problems of replacing oil with coal in industry, which was held by the Technion's Samuel Nezman Institute, Shavit said the experts agreed on the urgent need to switch from oil to coal. But "psychological and concrete difficulties" must still be overcome.

He noted that the price was already right, with steam produced from coal now costing only one-half of oil-fired steam, while oil prices are still rising. The coal handling difficulties will be largely solved when the Electric Corporation completes its big coal terminal at the new Hadera power plant.

Prof. Arthur Stotter, of the

Technion's mechanical engineering faculty, who presented a preliminary report on the subject to the workshop, noted that the industry had shown no interest in the subject, established no contacts and sent no representative to the workshop, though they had been invited. This was despite the fact that after the Electric Corporation, industry would be the chief user of coal in future, he said.

The report noted that the absence of a central body to coordinate coal research in the country causes both duplications of research and lack of information.

The experts agreed that the coal burning need not pollute the environment, thanks to modern techniques, as had been proved in Britain. The problem of coal ash has also been solved, as the ash is now in high demand as a building raw material.

In Israel cement manufacturers, who would be first in line for coal burning, could use the ash for making cement. Burning coal would also reduce sulphur dioxide emission from cementworks by up to two-thirds. This would drastically cut the cement industry's worst pollutant effect.

Argentines tell Patt how to cut inflation

By SHOLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

Argentine economic experts, here for bilateral talks on trade with Israel, yesterday explained to their hosts how Argentina's inflation rate was cut from a 1976 high of 300 per cent to a current 140 per cent.

Juan Esteban Du Mas, the head of the Argentine delegation, explained to host Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Gideon Patt that like Israel, Argentina suffered from inefficient industrial production as a result of a 100 per cent customs tariff that acted as a trade barrier to protect local production. But the Argentine government's policy now is to reduce tariffs to 15 per cent during the next five years.

Currently, a 30 per cent tariff still acts in an inflationary manner, Esteban explained. The Argentinians legislated a minimum wage act to guarantee a decent salary, and prices have been stabilized on basic commodities, in an inflation fighting move, the guest explained. While in 1976 Argentina had a \$1b. trade deficit, it now has a

\$2.4b. surplus. Unemployment is a relatively low 1.8 per cent, and the foreign currency reserves of the Latin American country have reached \$8b., from a 1976 low of only \$26m.

Esteban told his hosts that underdeveloped countries are not producing enough trade amongst each other, preferring to rely on imports from industrialized countries, resulting in higher costs to underdeveloped nations.

Patt also heard Esteban ask Israel for advice in irrigation techniques, solar energy technology and food processing, while Esteban heard Patt call for increased trade between the two countries.

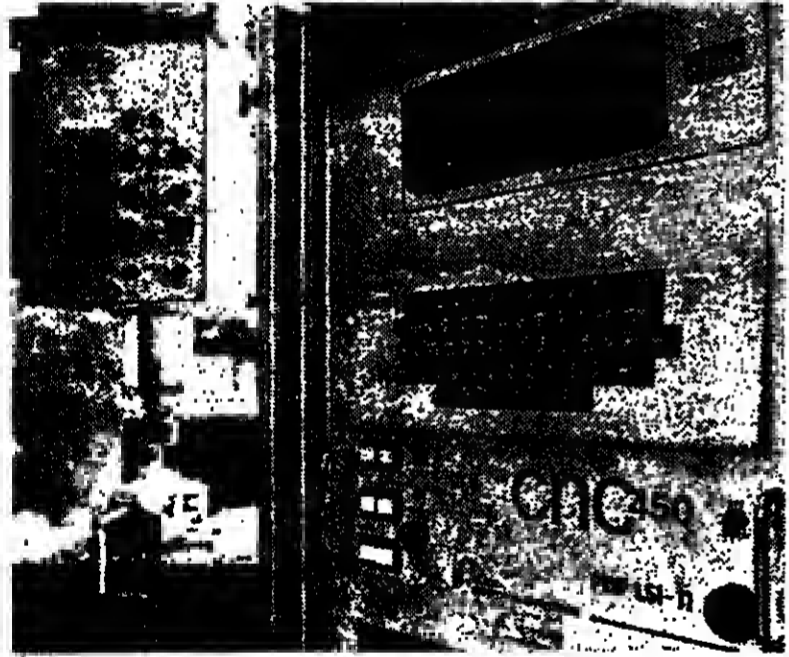
Patt recommended that Argentine experts participate in Argentine trade missions, and promised that Argentina could exploit the new market situation that will evolve in the Middle East as the peace treaty with Egypt is implemented.

Calls for long-term trade relations instead of random trade were also made during the Jerusalem meeting.

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Shares mixed while financials gain

Commercial and mortgage bank shares continued to advance yesterday as other sectors in the share market turned mixed.

It now appears that, at least over the near term, we are in for favourable market conditions as more companies get on the exchange bandwagon to raise new funds.

In the case of the commercial banks, which will be tapping the market for massive sums, it is critically important that a favourable trading atmosphere prevail until the top-drawdown offers are completed.

Leumi, Hapoalim and Miral continued to dominate trading activity in the commercial bank group. Each of the shares gained two points in extremely active trading.

Miral accounted for nearly 11.5% of the total turnover recorded by shares. IDB was five points to 594. FIBI rose by three but General Bank was held unchanged.

The mortgage bank group continued to be actively traded with prices moving to higher levels. Tefahot preferred, both registered and bearer, scored four per cent gains.

Others were ahead by up to four per cent. The Industrial Development Bank of Israel was a five per cent loser to 183.

Insurance issues, on balance, were lower. Yardenia II was eight lower while Sahar and Securitas were easing by five points, respectively.

Zur (R) was "sellers only" and the shares were automatically lowered by the mandatory five per cent. Aryeh gained four and Hasameh was up by five.

Motor House was established as "sellers only" and dropped 21 points lower to 384. Land development and real estate shares were mixed but the overall trend seemed to be for prices to move higher.

Asotim gained 24 to 592. ILDC(R) gained six to 225. Property and Building eased by nine to 493. The company's shares had recently been the best performers in this group.

Oil Exploration of Paz gained five to 184. Lapidot (B) was "sellers only" while the registered shares were losing 40 to 849. Naphtha gained 14 to 601, rounding out the oil group.

Teva (R) was the outstanding gainer in the industrial group as its shares gained a full 10 per cent. The bearer shares were "buyers only".

Urdan IL6 shares were down by 5.3 per cent to 359. Elco IL1 was down by nearly five per cent. EWC (R) rose by 5.1 per cent. Paper Mills was 10 lower at 908. Polygon rose by 9.5 points to 180.5. Taal was ex-dividend and was marked down to 285.

Investment companies were mixed but more shares rose than declined. Hiberna (B) was four per cent lower.

Jordan Exploration options were down by 90 points to 1110, reflecting a 7.5 per cent loss. The company's ordinary shares traded unchanged.

Leumi Investments rose by seven to 395. Cial Investments gained six to 808 but Cial Real Estate and Cial Industries were unchanged. Little Pama was off by 14 to 811.

Stocks & bonds—the market report

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN, Post Finance Reporter

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June 18, 1979

Large table showing closing prices and changes for various stocks on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, including commercial banks, insurance, and industrial shares.

Bank of Israel representative foreign exchange rates—June 18

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies like US dollar, British sterling, German mark, etc.

Dinner theatre to open in Jerusalem hotel

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Tnuva to begin massive investment plan

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV.—The Tnuva central committee recently approved a \$140mm investment programme which company spokesmen say is to be used to improve services to the public.

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IN SEARCH OF A FUTURE

"The Liberals are miffed at finding themselves convenient whipping boys for the government's failures," writes Post Political Correspondent MARK SEGAL, who explains why the party is facing a dual crisis of leadership and ideology.

SALT II: The debate begins

THE SALT II treaty signed yesterday in Vienna by Presidents Carter and Brezhnev is far from a satisfactory instrument for reducing the probability of nuclear warfare between the two super-powers.

It is also far from satisfactory from the point of view of America's weight in the new strategic balance. Many of the treaty's American framers and supporters admit as much.

National Security Adviser Brzezinski has been frank in stating that "SALT TWO is not a panacea. It will not end the arms race... But (it is) a crucial part of a long, mutual effort to impose a framework of rationality on Soviet-American competition and to lessen the dangers posed by weapons of mass destruction."

Secretary of State Vance speaks of the treaty as recognition of the change that has occurred "from an earlier period of American strategic supremacy to an era of stable strategic equivalence."

The critical question that will be the focus of debate in the U.S. Senate which must ratify the treaty, is whether failure to conclude this treaty package would be worse than signing it.

The details of the treaty are so complex as to make it impossible for the intelligent layman, and for most experts for that matter, to render clear judgement on that question.

In such a situation it would be normal to expect a people to line up behind its highest leaders — in this case the president, secretary of defence, secretary of state, and national security adviser — and accept their considered approval of the treaty.

Yet stiff opposition has arisen to the treaty in the American political and defence communities and in the Senate. This reflects an erosion in public confidence, not only in President Carter, but in all governmental authority since the twin shocks of Vietnam and Watergate earlier in the decade.

One of the issues of contention in the American debate concerns the ability to detect possible Soviet cheating on the strategic weapons limitations set in the treaty. It is interesting that there seems to be no equivalent concern on the part of the Soviets in regard to the possibility of American cheating.

Farly this is due to Soviet confidence that they can learn all they want to know about U.S. efforts because America is an open society — some would say foolhardy open society. There is also room for such Soviet equanimity in the realization that American leaders feel themselves much more squeezed by budgetary pressures than do the autocrats of the Kremlin. The American people, the Soviets believe, can be expected to limit U.S. strategic expansion unless the Kremlin does something stupid enough to shock Americans into a renewed arms race.

It is also difficult to know why Mr. Carter was so intent on concluding the treaty at this time. Mr. Brezhnev is obviously not going to remain in office much longer and meanwhile the identity of his successors and their attitudes on detente and the SALT treaties remain unclear, to say the least.

Of particular interest to the Middle East will be the possible spin-offs from the Carter-Brezhnev summit in Vienna. It is believed that Mr. Carter may have pressed his Soviet counterpart for a Soviet commitment to reduce tensions with the U.S. and with American allies and clients in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa, southern Africa, and Iran and Afghanistan.

THE RECENT Jerusalem Post poll that found that only one in every seven Likud voters would choose the Liberal Party if it decided to go it alone has hardly improved the mood of the junior Likud partner.

It has certainly confirmed the suspicions voiced by prominent Herut politicians that the Liberals have become "latch-hikers," with even less charitable commentators charging that the party that brought Herut out of the slumps and into respectable bourgeois salons no longer has a viable constituency.

Some months ago former Liberal Party chairman Elimelech Rimalt spoke mournfully of his party's prospects. If no change were made, he cast doubts on its chances for survival as an independent entity. Indeed, at one point, he wondered aloud whether the heirs of General Zionism had become just another wing of the Revisionist Movement.

Rimalt expected that other forces would fill the vacuum in the centre of the political stage as Herut proceeded to gobble up the Liberal remnants. While not saying it in so many words, Dr. Rimalt implied that it all came down to leadership, and that much of the blame must be borne by the party's leader, Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich.

Talking with some Liberal politicians recently, I perceived how far Rimalt's pessimism has spread. They tend to make unfavourable comparisons between the situation when Dr. Rimalt enjoyed equal status with Menachem Begin as co-chairman of the Likud in opposition and Ehrlich's junior standing alongside Premier Begin. They see the present situation as a function of his work performance as party leader and as a minister.

In Liberal circles, one hears the word crisis too often for comfort's sake. They speak in terms of "a dual crisis" and of "the gravest crisis we have ever faced." The dual crisis is one of leadership and ideology, and both facets focus on Ehrlich. After all, for years they claimed to have the panacea for Israel's ailments, if only the doctrinaire socialists would let them have part of the action. Well, they got their chance in May 1977. Premier Begin let them loose on the economy, with Ehrlich and his deputy, Yeheskel Flomim, putting Liberal ideas into practice.

RADICAL ECONOMIC moves were closely followed by nagging doubts as to their efficacy. Even leading Liberals are ready to concede that the Ehrlich gamble was a flop, mainly because he never followed it up and that his will probably lacked the necessary iron to do so.

Some Liberals are even ready to place the blame on their ideology, while others counter that the trouble is Ehrlich's leadership. What is unusual in their situation is the total identification of the Liberal Party with Ehrlich's performance: and his

failure is being made that of his party, a situation that no other party in government has ever encountered in this country.

The Liberals are miffed at finding themselves such convenient whipping boys for the government's failures and are fully aware that attacks are aimed at Ehrlich, by the



Yitzhak Moda'i (above) and Gideon Patti.



Etzadrut for example, when the target is really Begin. The labour federation's leaders have found that Herut trade unionists will join the hunt as long as their beloved leader's name is never mentioned.

Some Herut MKs who feel that the Liberals have too big a chunk of the power cake plus lots of juicy plum jobs charge them with crying all the way to the bank, so to speak, for the Liberals individually have benefitted most from the Likud's rise to power. Yet Herut's partner does say that this is largely because they have the people for the job, whereas the others do not.

YET ONE WONDERS how accurate the predictions of Ehrlich's being toppled may turn out to be, given Begin's firm support for his Liberal colleague. They have a cosy relationship built on trust, something which Begin has in short supply as regards his own party colleagues, especially the two stars Weisman and Sharon.

La'am's Yigal Hurvitz, a Herut favourite to judge by his warm reception at the party convention, is available for the Treasury, but it is highly doubtful whether Begin would seek to upset the delicate internal balance by dislodging Ehrlich.

The Finance Minister's friends say he would love to step down, but that would entail an admission of personal failure and damage his party. His critics argue that he could still be dominant politically, and not in the doldrums if he had had the perspicacity to walk out the first time his cabinet colleagues threw out his budget estimates entailing expenditure cuts.

To this his friends counter that it is not Ehrlich's fault that Begin has turned out to be a strong national leader and a weak prime minister presiding over a cabinet of tough baronial ministers. Ehrlich, they say, has had to fight simultaneously on 17 fronts against that number of ministers, with Begin only lately giving him the right kind of backing. He has been made a scapegoat, they claim, and in particular they blame the three toughest ministers — Weisman, Hammer and Sharon — for foiling every Treasury effort to streamline the state budget.

A nasty reception greeted Ehrlich at the Herut convention, and I wondered whether he had second thoughts about having held on for so long as he stood red-faced with anger and embarrassment, stumbling over his words of greeting. Cat-calls and boos rolled in from the auditorium. His friend, Jewish Agency chairman Arye Dulin, told a week-end Tel Aviv meeting that he was convinced that Ehrlich could have done extremely well in any other job.

THE LIBERALS are in the desultory throes of internal elections, readying themselves for their convention later this year. It is illuminating to learn that party keymen still regard Ehrlich as the arch-politician, indeed as their party strong man, with the other three ministers hardly a patch on him. He is a professional and knows how to manipulate others' weaknesses.

When he entered the government, he put Moshe Nisim, the hawkish Minister without Portfolio, in charge of running the party. Few were as surprised as Ehrlich that Nisim suddenly sprouted ambitions for the No. 1 job; yet it is doubtful whether the son of the former chief rabbi could take over the leadership of such an historically secular party.

Indeed, he is strongly for abolishing the abortion law, which sets him apart from the rest of the Knesset faction, especially as this issue has become a Liberal corner-stone. We have witnessed the sea-saw relationship between Ehrlich's erstwhile protégé Minister of Industry Trade and Tourism Gideon Patti and Energy and Com-

Dry Bones



munications Minister Yitzhak Moda'i. Patti has emerged from Ehrlich's shadow and is quite popular among the party rank-and-file. His return to the ministry where he served as the late Yosef Sapir's aide a decade earlier, is regarded as a homecoming, and he is seen as having made a promising start.

Moda'i's campaign against Ehrlich apparently has borne fruit: he has attracted the disaffected and frustrated in the Liberal camp. Interestingly, as one of the central Liberal politicians explained to me, Moda'i has proven to be a major factor with whom they must reckon. Ehrlich's decline in popularity has raised that of Moda'i, and his cautionary, if harshly put, words are now being heeded. In Moda'i's favour is his diligence as a minister and his talent as a speaker, yet he tends to balance them by a too aggressive manner. He has an abrasive way with party members and his staff and tends to be rather uphill towards others.

Patti's breezy style enhances his popularity but there are those who wonder whether he has the necessary iron for the leadership. An indication of where things are heading, or rather a demonstration of the sinking ship syndrome, is the wholesale desertion by erstwhile Ehrlich loyalists like Mika Yitzhak Berzan and Menachem Savidor, with even an Ehrlich creation like Tel Aviv Deputy Mayor David Shifman already declaring for Moda'i.

As to Deputy Finance Minister Yeheskel Flomim, insiders say he demonstrated how to disappear without a trace though staying visible all the time. If he had stayed an MK out of government office, he could have retained his reputation as the Liberal's economic whiz-kid, which he earned in the Finance Committee. Since he became Ehrlich's deputy, Flomim has been completely neutralized. It is said, there are those doubting the wisdom of his decision to break away from the central bloc and run on his own list in party elections with the controversial PR agent David Admon, who is active among the younger leadership.

WHAT IS crystal clear is that despite several meetings from some Liberal chieftains about going it alone, or breaking away from Likud moorings, they are not very serious about such threats. The dream fostered in some Labour, Liberal and NRP hearts of reviving the historic coalition of Mafal, General Zionists and Mizrachi, which enabled Ben-Gurion to steer the Yishuv to national independence and which helped it rule from time to time, can hardly become a reality.

under the conditions of an Israel entering the 1980s.

First of all, the electorate has changed, and the idea of a centre party may have been dealt a death blow by Professor Yigael Yadin's performance at the head of the distant DMC. Most Liberal front-benchers see no alternative for their party outside the Likud framework and willy-nilly allow themselves to be dragged by Herut to extreme positions, which would have been anathema to their General Zionists mentors.

Thus we may soon be seeing a realignment of forces within the Likud framework, as parts of La'am join with Herut, which would afford Yigael Hurvitz a chance in the subsequent election. Talk of the Democratic Movement members joining the Liberals is seen as rather far-fetched for the time being. Deputy Premier Yadin is seen as disgraced, while the future of Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir is highly problematic. Although no one sang the Botai hymn with as much fervour as he did at the Herut convention's festive opening, the reintroduction into its old movement has numerous obstacles to overcome.

Whether he would join the Liberals or a bridge that they had to have to cross. However controversial he is, Tamir has been a success as a minister and is of a higher calibre than some of his Liberal colleagues. Perhaps for that reason they might not welcome his competition within the fold.

One prospect that beckons is merging all the Likud components into one party, which promises Herutniks have been urging of late. So far Ehrlich has been equivocal. Patti has come out against it, Moda'i is regarded as for it, and the Liberal's fortunes, and indeed its survival as a separate entity, will hinge on how this decision will turn out. Somehow this close observer of the political scene for the past 20 years has a feeling that the Liberals' chances for survival will hold. The off-chance exists that Patti and Moda'i will make a deal, oust Ehrlich as executive chairman, and bring Jewish Agency Chairman Arye Dulin as Party President because he is the least embroiled in the feud and could serve as a unifying factor. At all, they have, as the fattest cat of all, been able to ride the political tides over the past decades. They have weathered the changes of being General Zionists who merged with the Progressives and then split from them for alignment with Herut in Gahal, and they found a place within the broader Likud framework. Whatever ups-and-downs may befall them, that can be expected to land heads up.

POSTSCRIPTS

JERUSALEMITES who watched the old man hauling a heavy bucket filled with scrap metal everywhere he went thought he was just another eccentric. But Yerahmiel, a 70-year-old part-time plumber living in the Sanhedria quarter, has an explanation. "I've been carrying this bucket for the last 30 years," he says shyly. The seemingly unnecessary burden comes instead of phylacteries. Moe who neither work nor study Torah regularly must wear tefillin all the time. But since Yerahmiel was afraid of being stared at for constantly wearing phylacteries, he decided that he must carry something as a reminder. Yerahmiel became a "penitent" three decades ago. So the old man continues to lug around the plastic bucket — his private yoke of Judaism. J.S.

STATE COMPTROLLER, please take note. A correspondent in Eilat informs us that she watched a group of soldiers lurching on the beach recently, and after they left, he was struck by what they had left behind. Not just trash, but the following items, in perfectly good condition: 42 bags of candy, nine large packets of soft drink powder, 33 tea bags, two tubes of honey, 28 packets of salt, two boxes of matches, one tin of tuna, 26 large eggs, eight tin openers, and assorted plastic cutlery — everything unopened and unused. E.G.M.

ALONG comes entrepreneur Howard Neubert with a new idea to take the hard work out of fishing, UPI reports.

The 20-year-old suburban Detroit worm farmer says he has fattened up about a million red worms for the fishing season and wants to offer them in vending machines in strategic locations.

Neubert plans to sell boxes of 50 red worms or a dozen night crawlers (he imports them from Canada) at \$1.25 a box. Right now he's advertising to find store owners who'd like to have a worm machine on the premises.

Neubert raises his own red worms in the back of his home. He keeps them in large plastic boxes sunk into the ground and feeds them rabbit manure.

IMMIGRANTS are more content than one might think. According to a recent survey taken for the Absorption Ministry, 80 per cent of new immigrants are "satisfied" with their absorption three years after aliyah, and 68 per cent of them are content after their first year. Only seven per cent leave the country during their first year in Israel, according to the survey. That figure is a balance between Russians (two per cent leave within one year) and the North Americans (18 per cent leave during that period). J.S.

READERS' LETTERS

EYE-WITNESS EVIDENCE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Too often the ordinary citizen knows only what he sees and, more often than not, this is not enough to draw a proper conclusion.

Mr. Nathan Glasberg, in his letter of June 12, criticizes the police for committing at least 10 traffic violations and adds that he could have issued 10 citations to these officers.

This reminds me of the time I was a police officer in Texas. I received a radio call for a reported traffic accident with injuries on a side street next to a McDonald restaurant. I turned on my overhead emergency lights and used my siren to clear intersections of vehicles. I technically committed five traffic violations to arrive at the scene of the accident. However, my promptness saved the life of one of the drivers involved. I was later informed by the police dispatcher that a concerned citizen, who observed my actions, wanted to complain that I had violated three red lights, drove excessively over

ZOA HOUSE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I recently attended a performance of "The Killing of Sister George" at the ZOA House in Tel Aviv and I was shocked by the condition of the big hall and the stage.

The actors put on a very good and serious play notwithstanding loudly creaking chairs and a very poor loudspeaker system. The hall looks neglected and I think it is a shame that Israelis and tourists should be subjected to such primitive conditions.

Yehud. ZOA House Replies: We are, unfortunately, well aware of the poor condition of our auditorium and the remarks and criticism of the writer are, to our regret, basically justified. As you know, ZOA House is a non-profit cultural institution, sponsored by the Zionist Organization of America and established 27 years ago. From time to time, we renovate and remodel various rooms, as and when we manage to get contributions for this purpose. Since we are not in a position to carry the burden and cover the great expenditure involved in the renovation of the auditorium, we have approached the original donor, in whose name it is dedicated, and there are prospects that a further donation will be forthcoming for that purpose in the near future. A. HERICHMAN, Executive Director

Herzliya. ARLENE KUNZ

RARE BIRD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Being that rare bird, the Alaskan Jew, I was very interested to see Israel. One tends to idealize a country and people when one is located in a remote area with very little Jewish life and culture.

The country is tremendous in the full sense of the word. The friendliness of the people is most pleasing and I am really enjoying my stay here. When I fly back over the North Pole towards home, I will carry fond memories of Israel and look forward to my next trip. Herzliya. ARLENE KUNZ

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